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Dedication

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ABSTRACT

Compact facility designs and retro-fitting of facilities that involve heavy lifts are often performed in congested areas. Tight schedules increase the requirement to provide detailed heavy lift analysis. The planning of every aspect of a critical lift operation is essential. Managing the behavior and trajectory of the lifted object during the lift is often left to the field crew. The rigger signalman and the crane operator communicate by radio, or by hand signals, to maneuver the lifted object between obstructions. This thesis presents advancements in the development of mathematical algorithms for the lift object trajectory path and analysis. The proposed methodology is divided into smaller manageable phases to control the process and at the same time create independent modules. Each step of the lifted object movement was algebraically-digitally tracked, starting at the lifted object pick-point through an optimum path development to the object's final position or set-point. Parameters such as the minimum distance between the lifted object and passing obstructions and the minimum clearance between the lifted object and the crane boom envelope are some of the many predefined rules that were taken into account. Each step in the developed algorithm provides a short description, partial decision flowchart, and graphical interpretation of the problem, and some sections cover mathematical calculations of a defined path. The lifted object's spatial trajectory analysis and optimization are part of the complex assignment relating to the crane selection process. The proposed methodology is tested on a case study, which is also described in this thesis in order to illustrate the essential features of the proposed methodology.

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CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION

1.1 Motivation of Research

On large construction sites there are usually several cranes operating to undertake material handling tasks; together they can provide overall coverage of all materials from onsite supply to demand points. Many factors influence the location of cranes. In the interest of safety and of efficiency of operations, cranes' locations are carefully selected in order to avoid collisions. However, this ideal situation is often difficult to achieve in real-world scenarios; constrained available space as well as limited capacity of cranes make it unavoidable that crane areas will overlap. As a result, interferences may be encountered at different elevations.

The analysis of complicated spatial static equipment locations is not an easy task. At present, in most construction sites, crane positions tend to be determined through a process of trial and error. A practitioner, who is responsible for crane configuration and lift analysis, makes a subjective decision about optimum crane layout relay based on experience and a general practice manual. Such interpretation of maintaining high safety standards is not economical and not competitive in this rapidly developing industry. To help engineers optimize solutions for the crane planning process, the proposed new and mathematical algorithm has been developed.

A mathematical approach to harness crane related issues is not a new concept in the construction industry; however, research usually focuses on smaller problems that solve tasks on-the-fly, but neglect the overall picture. A combination of site preparation, proper crane selection methods, and advanced object trajectory development analysis are the sequential steps of capturing knowledge and release a ready product to industry professionals.

This thesis presents advancements in the development of mathematical algorithms for the lift object trajectory path and analysis.

The proposed methodology is divided into smaller manageable phases to control the process and at the same time create independent modules. Each step of the lifted object movement was algebraically tracked, starting at the lifted object pick-point, through an

optimum path development, to the object final position or set-point. This revolutionary approach envisions most possibilities, where crane-object tandem is faced at typical construction sites. If certain, depending on the site or climatic situation, the main core of the algorithm is easy to reconfigure and remodel to custom requirements.

1.2 Research Goal and Objectives

This research concentrates on combining expert knowledge, mathematical interpretations for crane layout calculations and a spatial object transformation approach. The use of a logical approach combined with the ability to balance new technology implementation for existing products, or working processes, makes this research challenging and the outcomes rewarding.

There is a major goal for this research, as well as specific objectives within these goals.

Goal To automate construction sites crane location and lift operations.

- To provide construction industry practitioners with a constructive method of selecting crane configurations, site crane layout analysis, and crane boom clearances.
- To impart construction lift analysis engineers a tool to analyze crane boom lift objects, spatial clearances, and on object path trajectory development algorithm.

1.3 Dissertation Organization

Chapter 2 summarizes a state-of-the-art literature review of the construction application of modular construction site logistics, spatial crane layout optimization, virtual reality and 4D scheduling techniques, and mathematical optimization algorithms. Chapter 3 presents the proposed methodology and discusses the tools needed for research. Chapter 4 is divided into three sections, each of which presents a separate construction operation challenge: 1) Problems experienced during modular construction assembly; 2) Crane boom clearance analysis to the obstruction top surface slope area, and 3) A spatial trajectory analysis for crane lifting operations. All three sections are based on real-life problems; the sections show the steps involved during preparation and execution and suggest modifications based on the implemented ideas. Chapter 5 presents final remarks regarding current research findings and discusses expected contributions to the existing body of knowledge.

CHAPTER 2 – LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 State-of-the-art Literature in Modular Construction

When a house or apartment building is divided into smaller units, manufactured at a fabrication facility on the production line, and then moved to the construction site for assembly, the whole operation is referred to as modular construction. Layout of the assembly line may involve several different stations connected to each other. However, modular construction projects are wrongly associated with modular units, which have historically provided shelters for a variety of outdoor activities at remote and urban locations. Over the last decade this method of constructing offices, dormitories, and government facilities has warranted a second look. Due to time savings and high production quality at factory assembly lines, more individual businesses and organizations are beginning to recognize the convenience of having a hotel, diner, or embassy “instantly” erected onsite. It is likely that the benefits of abbreviated construction time compared to conventional stick-built construction appeal to all parties invested in a new acquisition.

Modular construction is not new to the construction industry; however, this term is primarily associated with single family homes, or at the most low-rise, multi-family housing [Murdock 2005]. There are few studies available describing a means of automating the model development process or using robotics in modular construction, although several articles have praised the concept of modular construction with respect to the notion of adding modular units to existing construction, or in terms of its ability to significantly reduce onsite labor [Nasereddin et al. 2007, Bock 2007, Editorial Ca - Leonard 2007]. Where a large number of units is needed for international events, modular construction also plays an important role [Yoders 2005]. But the most significant niche for implementing this type of building is for school facilities, campus/dormitory living, and affordable housing [Dolan 2006, Cardenas and Domenech 2005, Atkinson et al. 2001]. These units are not limited to low-rise accommodations; in fact, the construction of high-rise facilities using a modular approach has also been considered [Cartz and Crosby 2007]. Other examples of successful implementation have been airport roofs, NASA spacecraft architecture, and health care units, from single check-up rooms to operating theatres or pharmacy centers [Veale and Postawa 2007, Smith 2006, Editorial

Health 2007, Editorial Hospital 2007, Editorial Operating 2007, Editorial Pharmacy 2008]. These facilities or units can be customized over the Internet similar to the manner in which an automobile may be customized by the purchaser [Booth 2007]. Ready modules are delivered to the site for assembly, and in this respect a heuristic algorithm can be well utilized [Da Cunha et al. 2007]. Furthermore, unskilled labor issues as well as reduction of electricity consumption by using modular technology and the benefits of off-site construction have garnered the attention of scholars [Rehfeld 2006, Riley 2007, Editorial Off-Site 2006].

2.2 Site Layout Optimization Application in Construction

Cranes are the critical tool to complete components and handle materials in construction. There are many factors contributing to the selection of the type, number, and location of cranes and expert judgment is essential in this process. Due to the increasing complexity of crane layout, a number of computer applications have been developed to assist practitioners in the selection and utilization of cranes [Manrique 2007].

Computer layout location models were introduced more than 20 years ago. In many cases these layouts are on the critical path toward efficient assembly or production. Crane lifts also vary in complexity: some are very simple, while others present a formidable challenge to construction managers. The approach described by Tam et al. [2001] as well as by Tam and Tang [2003] analyzes a particular area and uses a genetic algorithm (GA) to optimize tower crane operations, whereas Matsuo et al. [1991] and Sivakumar et al. [2003] have concentrated on developing a path planner for two cranes lifts. Deen et al. [2005] as well as Mashood et al. [2007] have continued with this topic of research, employing GA in order to solve the problem. On the other hand, Al-Hussein et al. [2005] and Moselhi et al. [2004] have introduced an algorithm by which to choose the optimal crane with respect to lift capacity while utilizing 3D animation for visualization techniques; in this case mathematical algorithms have been integrated with a database of commercially available cranes. Zhang et al. [1999] have employed their optimization analysis on a group of tower cranes, interacting and searching for conflicts between them. The minimization of transportation travel time [Ascheuer et al. 1999, Boussedjra et al. 2004], with respect to both storage systems and to inter-modal transportation networks, is another important application of the algorithms. The same issues of minimization of travel time, walking cost, and connection between these two factors have constituted

research conducted by Ahuja [2002], who developed a polynomial time algorithm in order to control these issues. Control algorithms for the reduction of material handling cost, utilization of resources [Williams and Narayanaswamy 1997], and analysis of crane operations in warehouse systems [Amato et al. 2002] have also been explored. The optimization and analysis of crane lifts have achieved greater recognition in the sphere of 3D technology and spatial optimization algorithms in conjunction with more advanced capabilities of hardware and software for simulation algorithms [Makhanov 2007, Manrique et al. 2007, Korhonen 2003]. Del Rio-Cidoncha et al. [2007] and ElGanainy et al. [2007] have analyzed floor plan layout designs and the critical steps involved in the design process, as well as the various benefits, techniques, and interactions among these. This approach has led to significant improvements to the layout optimization method. Research exploring similar issues, but on a larger scale for site layout and floor level planning in construction, has also contributed a fair amount of knowledge to the industry [El Beltagi and Hegazsy 2001, Jang et al. 2006].

2.3 Four-Dimensional (4D) Visualization Application in Construction

4D visualization is a technique in which 3D CAD solid models are virtually relocated in a different time frame. Within the construction industry this represents the visual progression of erecting, assembling, digging, and lifting operations. A novel and unique approach, 4D modeling requires full coordination of several independent tasks where at some point each task could interfere with or supplement another. This method forces the operator to look closely at each operation from a perspective rarely seen in the construction industry. Construction business is changing and many realize that new technology will have a major impact on this sector; however, resistance toward implementation of new technology within this field is still substantial. Those pioneers who decide to implement this new approach are usually faced with costly investments in terms of hardware and software, which expectantly provide limitless benefits and savings to each project.

3D applications have a proven record of success in assisting the construction industry, providing useful information for various construction fields. Some of these applications have been used to analyze and test tower cranes [Al-Hussein. et al. 2001], as well as for construction using a tilt-up-panel method [Manrique et al. 2007]. Others have attempted to come up with additional components in order to close the gap between simulation and

visualization [Xu 2001]. Visualization of the proposed design can be of substantial assistance with respect to analysis and communication [Olearczyk and Al-Hussein 2006]. Dynamic graphical depictions, which are able to show the proposed design just as the final product would appear, give users a better understanding of the simulation results, within an environment referred to as Virtual Reality (VR). VR provides visual inside information of modeled construction operations [Messner et al. 2006], and also helps to realistically identify the proposed design [Okyere 2004]. Furthermore, educational institutions are advancing the implementation of new technology for academic purposes [Otto et al. 2005]. Over the past two decades, simulated construction operations have been visualized in several levels of detail, taking into account the given limitations and constraints [Staub-French and Khanzode 2007]. Experiments with VR have extended beyond the automotive, aerospace, and construction industries to encompass specialized fields of human brain research, such as psychotherapy [Ehrsson 2007] and psychology [Lenggenhager et al. 2007, Miller 2007].

2.4 Spatial Analysis Optimization Algorithms for Applications in Construction

Computer advancement for the design of construction equipment has brought major changes to equipment functionality, productivity, and construction practices. Mobile cranes, among other heavy industrial machinery, have increased in size, capacity, maneuverability, and versatility. The consequences of the misuse or improper planning of a crane lift can be severe. The preparation and planning of heavy lifts can be complex and involve challenging issues during lift analysis. Fast-tracked construction projects involve frequent changes to the construction plan, thereby requiring many what-if scenarios and changes to the lift plan. Due to this, the lift engineer relies on computer technology to deliver solutions faster. Virtual reality, combined with an interactive planning environment that explores human potential and computer advancement, is an efficient alternative for spatial integration. A flag article introducing spatial integration in construction [Bernold 2002] presented the historical advancement and objectives of such technology. In other studies, authors found mathematical computations that helped identify configuration space and concepts to develop tools for creating lift paths [Raghunatha et al. 2002]. In addition, two levels of heuristic searches have been implemented for 3D bin-packing problems [Raj and Srivastava 2007].

Trajectory and short-path developments are also of concern in this field. Ishigami et al. [2005] encountered issues in the proper design of an all-wheel dynamic model during a steering trajectory analysis for planetary exploration rovers: the model's contact between the rigid wheel and loose soil was based on a terra-mechanical approach. A Markov-decision process with two algorithms addressed the problem of planning the shortest path for reliable landmark-based robot navigation strategies in the presence of significant sensor uncertainties [Briggs et al. 2004]. Trajectory path analysis is also needed in applications such as tooling equipment, military rocket tracing, satellite space travel, and integrated surveying with GPS technology [Bernold 2002]. In the machine industry [Makhanov 2007], three algorithms for tool path optimization of a numerically controlled five-axis milling machine were introduced. The focus of these algorithms is the development of a flexible geometric structure that adapts itself to a certain cost function as defined on the required part's surface. 'Algorithm One' is based on the variation grid generation. 'Algorithm Two' is based on a modification of the space-filling curves technique. 'Algorithm Three' is based on the construction of vector fields composed of optimal cutting directions. For military applications [Azimov 2005], the development of analytical, approximate analytical, and numerical methods is used for solving variations when determining optimal rocket trajectories in gravitational fields and is also applied to study flight dynamics.

Yet the industry that stands most to benefit from this technology is the construction industry. A user-customized database [Al-Hussein et al. 2005, Moselhi et al. 2004] integrated with mathematical algorithms for choosing a proper crane with respect to lift capacity, while utilizing 3D animation for visualization techniques, has been developed and is available on the market. Following this development, more complicated 3D analyses were evaluated. One analysis used a 3D optimization approach for construction using a tilt-up panel method [Manrique et al. 2007]. Another analysis used a combination of advanced visualization, the above-mentioned crane selection process, and detailed schedule optimization and interactive communication techniques [Olearczyk et al. 2009].

As Weise [2008] has purported, "One of the most fundamental principles in our world is the search for an optimal state. It begins in the microcosm where atoms in physics try to form bonds in order to minimize the energy of their electrons." In general, optimization refers to the process of obtaining the best results under known conditions. Within the construction field, engineers must frequently make important technological and

managerial decisions. The result of good decision making is the minimization of effort involved in maximizing benefits. But the situation becomes more complicated when researchers face programming problems with multiple objectives (multi-criteria optimization). In the proposed study, the researcher encounters a multi-level optimization problem in which some variables are constrained by inner, or lower-level problems, and others by upper-level variables that parameterize the upper-level problem. Consequently, the upper-level problem objective function is referred to as the upper-level function, and the objective function of the lower-level problem is referred to as the lower-level function.

Some studies on the process of algorithm design have restricted themselves to a general idea of bi-level optimization, referring to both well-posed and ill-posed problems [Alexandrow and Dennis 1994]. Other studies have concentrated solely on ill-posed problems [Bergounioux and Haddou 2006], and have begun with a regional globalization strategy or have explored a new penalized Hoffman-like approach. Few practitioners have preferred to commence from real-world scenarios of decentralized planning [Bialas and Karvan 1984] with a different hierarchy objective function and decentralized design [Chanron et al. 2005], such that the mathematical framework of Game Theory [Vincent 1983] models the interaction between decision-makers (also called players). This method has been successfully implemented in the decentralized design of a space shuttle [Yoshimura et al. 2004], where a two-phase optimization procedure, which uses GAs and Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP), was applied to the component arrangement problem. Parametric (discrete) optimization has also been investigated where a cutting plane (bound) algorithm has been used to solve a bi-level programming problem for objective linear programming (OLP) [Dempe and Richter 2000] and multiple objective integer programming (MOIP) [Klamroth 2004], with later assigned knapsack constraints [Dempe 2001]. In order to simplify intermediate computation solutions, researchers have used other algorithms to address the most difficult ones; GAs have been widely used, for example to find the shortest transportation route [Geiger 2001] or simply to solve convex quadratic bi-level programming problems [Guang-Min et al. 2002].

2.5 Simulation of Modular Building Construction

The decision to build a project using modular techniques is often motivated by the need to meet strict deadlines. Builders know that this method will result in a high quality

building in a short amount of time. The construction process, however, is still a complicated one due to the various site and crane utilization constraints. To effectively execute the construction, the construction team must have a well-designed plan in place. Once work has begun, due to time constraints and production sequence factors, there will be little opportunity to modify the sequence of construction.

Chehayeb and AbouRizk [1998] make the case for simulation modeling over CPM scheduling. They argue that while the time required to produce a simulation model is longer than that required by traditional CPM techniques, it has advantages in that it allows the project manager to analyze alternate resource and alternate execution scenarios more easily, and in that it allows processes to be modeled stochastically.

Since there is a need to understand the benefits of different construction scenarios, and due to the repetitive nature of the interacting processes, Discrete Event Simulation (DES) is a suitable candidate by which to evaluate modular construction operations. Through the use of a Special Purpose Simulation Software (SPSS) called Symphony, which utilizes a unified modeling methodology, it is possible to develop special purpose models for construction operations, Hajjar and AbouRizk [2002]. Using Symphony's General Purpose Simulation template in conjunction with onsite case data, this process can be modeled stochastically. The simulation output provides Cumulative Density Functions (CDFs) for project duration and provides valuable insight into crew utilization. Using the simulation environment, different scenarios can be tested, and their effect on productivity, duration, and utilization can be estimated.

It should be noted that while Yu, Al-Hussein, and Nasser [2007], as well as Nasereddin, Mullens, and Cope [2007], have investigated the use of DES in improving module production in-factory, the purpose of this paper is to examine the onsite assembly aspect of the modular construction process.

2.6 Findings and Summary

Intensity of literature review in presented sections allows the thoughtful evaluation of current practices for crane position layout, as well as object lifted path in modular construction, general concept of site layout optimization, 4D application theme, spatial optimization analysis, and simulation of modular construction. These topics introduce the challenges faced by the construction industry in the aspect of crane operations. Figure 2.1

summarizes the reviewed publications in respect to different parts of the proposed methodology. It covers articles referenced in the literature review and groups them for better visualization and understanding.

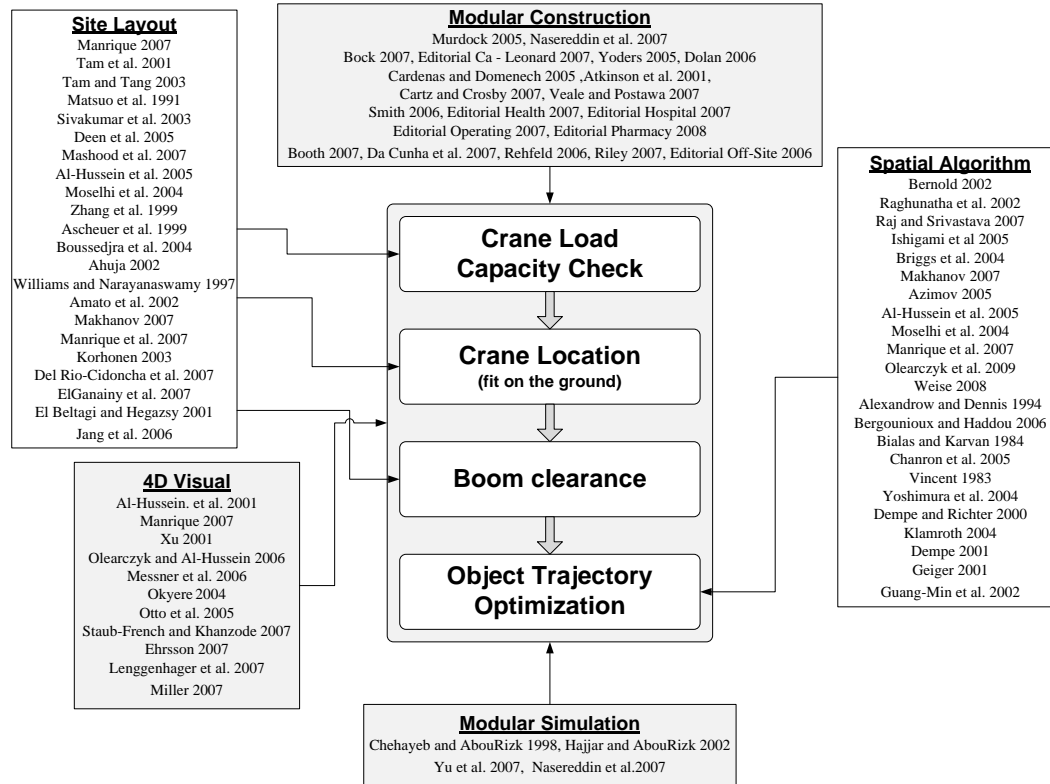


Figure 2. 1 Methodology Literature Review Flowchart.

The Site Layout group directly refers to Crane Load and Capacity Check as well as Crane Location boxes and covers 22 positions. It provides information and trends that researchers have tackled on this subject either commercially or academically. Also, this group discussed different aspects of construction site layout problems, but the majority of issues related to different crane configurations and clearance to obstructions. Only a few publications are crucial to the present research since its development is based on a concept.

The 4D Visualization Application group is not assigned to any particular methodology section due to the generality of reviewed issues and ideas that were useful to envision spatial movement with time displacement. It discussed pioneering the VR process in construction, limitations and possible routes for expansion and development. The

presented research supports the 3D-4D idea to optimize entire process mathematically, and once optimized to present the final solution again in a 3D-4D environment.

The Modular Construction group relates to the proposed methodology in general. It provides fundamental information about modular concepts in a few sectors of the industry with construction in particular. A few interesting modular concepts may dissolve the negative perception that modular complexity is not an issue. The benefits of modularity are clearly stated and presented research expands the concept even further to automating modular lifting operations.

Similar to the Modular Construction literature section, Modular Simulation references apply to the methodology in general. Similar to modular; this undeveloped part of the construction sector has few referenced publications. They discuss traditional ways of approaching similar construction challenges using the special purpose simulation software Symphony. Specific parts of the presented research may benefit implementation of this type of simulation in the future.

The core portion of this research refers to the Object Trajectory Optimization segment where 23 publications assist in evaluating current trends with successful or unsuccessful approaches. There is limited research data available about paths or trajectories in the construction industry. Extensive work was done for military or satellite tracking technology. Presented articles illustrate some concepts and methods for partial solutions to trajectory challenges. The provided information helps keep this research within its defined objectives.

CHAPTER 3 – PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

3.1 Current Practice

Preparation for lift operation is not an easy task. It requires extensive knowledge of crane configurations, lift procedures, safety, permits, etc. The list of necessary information could be as simple as lift weight and crane capacity or massive if critical heavy lifts (85% or higher crane capacity) are involved. Many industry practitioners, with the assistance of academia, try to establish rules, regulations, and penalties, but these are difficult to execute since each lift is unique. Due to so many varieties of tasks and subjective views, lift engineers establish different ways of controlling and sequencing lift preparation activities. Figure 3.1 shows examples of lift preparation and execution tasks grouping method. After each independent lift study, the list is updated, new operations are added, and those which are not applicable are not counted.

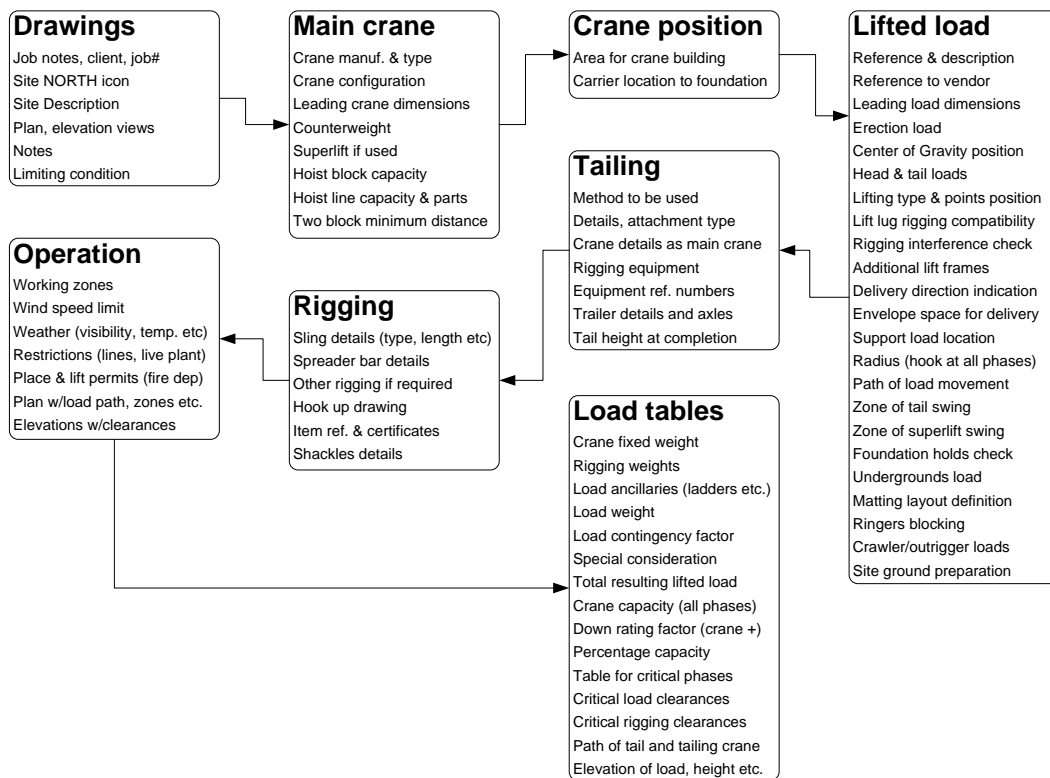


Figure 3.1 Lift preparation and execution grouping method.

Each group contains activities that are critical for that section and may be repeated in other sections. Checking and marking completed tasks shows an engineer the progress in

each section. The entire lift preparation analysis starts from the Drawings and finishes in the Load Tables section. The operation analysis is manual and time-consuming if any small changes are applied; the process must begin from the Drawings section again.

A different, more advanced method was introduced by Kuo-Liang Lin [Lin 1995] in his dissertation, “Planning for critical construction operations involving large semi-stationery equipment.” He introduced a critical lift planning process model shown in Figure 3.2, which also eliminates unfeasible crane configurations.

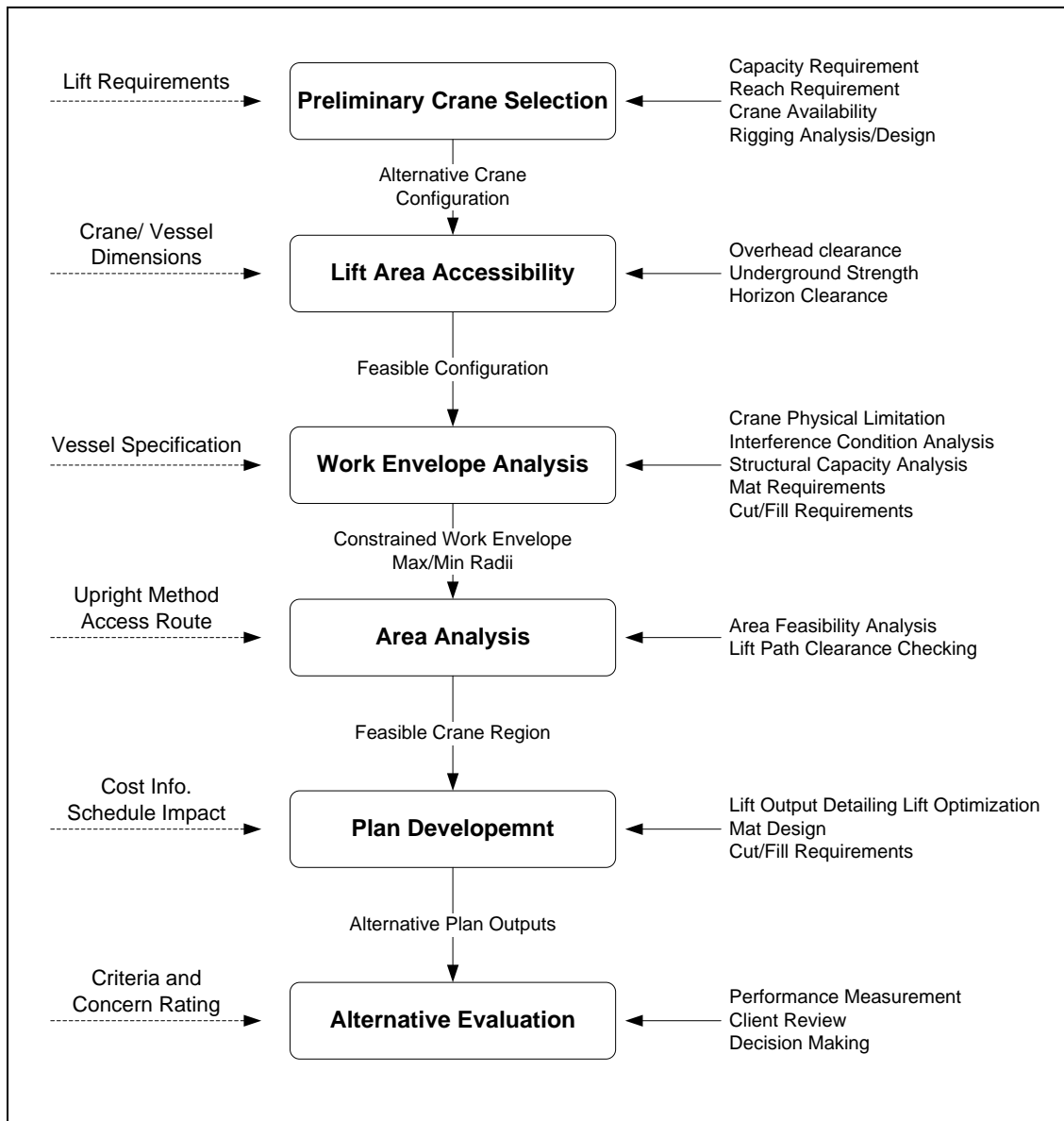


Figure 3.2 Critical Lift Planning Model [Lin 1995].

Picking alternative crane solutions based on crane capacity, reach, and rigging layout is the first evaluation criterion. Following is a lift area accessibility check, where horizontal and overhead clearances as well as underground strength are analyzed. Eliminated configurations limit the feasible cranes for lift operations. Next, the work envelope analysis segment limits those configurations that are in conflict with crane physical limitation structural capacity mats requirements or site cut/fill necessities. These limitations or modifications are associated with cost and the economic value evaluation. The area analysis study concentrates on area feasibility and lift path clearance checking. It reduces available configurations even further. Now, the lift engineer concentrates on plan development, where detail of lift optimization, final mat design, and exact cut/fill design is performed.

All performed tasks and analysis, with final design and cost comparisons, are presented in the last segment for alternative evaluation. Performance measurements and contractors' and client reviews based on criteria and concern ratings are the main evaluation factors.

Both presented current practice methods, cover almost every aspect of lift planning, but the associated cost evaluation or performance analysis is impractical. They required tedious and very time-consuming work. Although, some tasks may be automated or consolidated into a computer program, they lack fluent flow. The lift engineer is forced to compare computer outputs with manual calculation/analysis to prepare concise data for alternate evaluation.

3.2 Process Methodology

The proposed methodology, as illustrated in Figure 3.3 is built on four modules. It accepts or eliminates available crane configurations based on a crane load capacity check, crane location, boom clearance, and lifted object path optimization. The modules evaluate the project on lift specific characteristics, and site and location parameters. The main outputs of the process include object paths database, obstruction conflict ID, and proposed sequence priority. These outputs are obtained following a set of criteria including lifted object limitations, site and area restrictions, crane unit availability, and weather conditions.

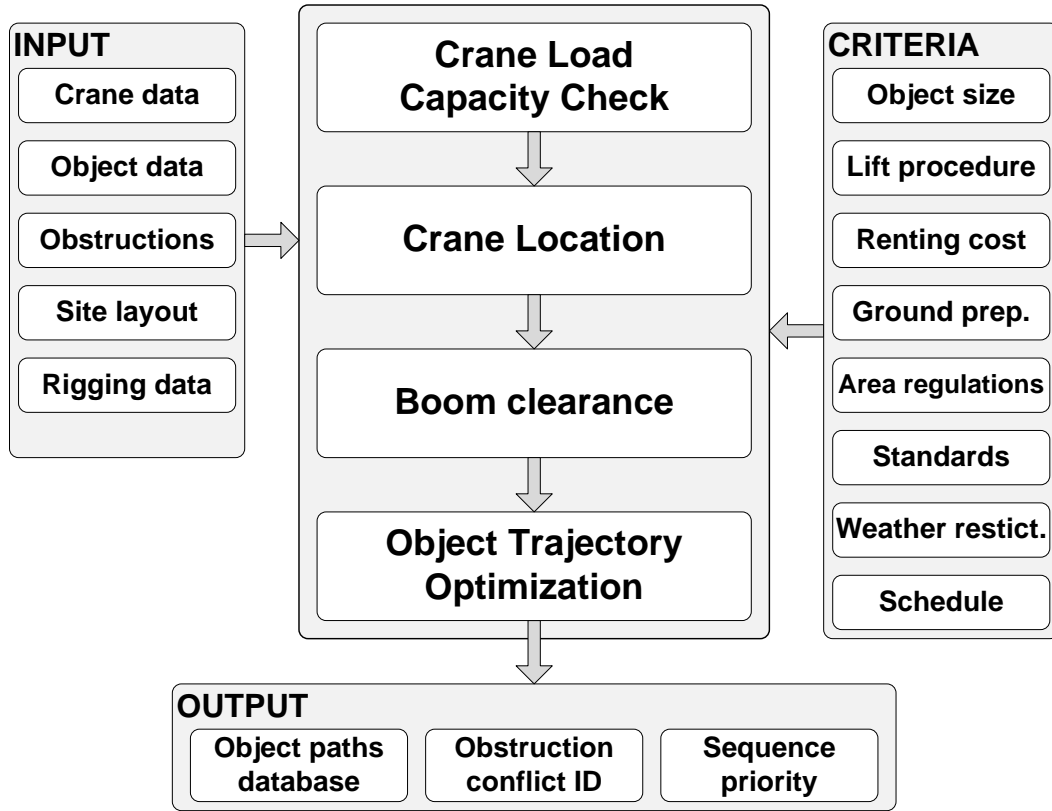


Figure 3.3 Methodology main process.

Crane Load Capacity Calculation: lift capacities are compared to the total lift weights (the weight of the lift and all of the accessories needed to hook the object to the crane), such that the crane's lifting capacity at any given configuration should be greater than or equal to the total lift weight, satisfying equation 3.1.

$$GC \geq T_w = L_w + H_w + SL_w + SB_w \quad (3.1)$$

Where:

- GC - Lift object gross capacity
- T_w - Total lift weight
- L_w - Lift weight
- H_w - Hook weight
- SL_w - Total weight of slings
- SB_w - Total weight of spreader bar

Figure 3.4 shows detailed parameters for each section of the crane load capacity check. Input includes crane data such as crane hook, slings, spreader bar, and jib or extensions weight. Total lifting weight may not exceed current crane configuration lifting capacity

with added industry standard safety factor. When equation (3.1) is not satisfied, crane capacity is lower than total weight, and the analyzed crane configuration is rejected. Rejection does not terminate operation but activates the re-define box section.

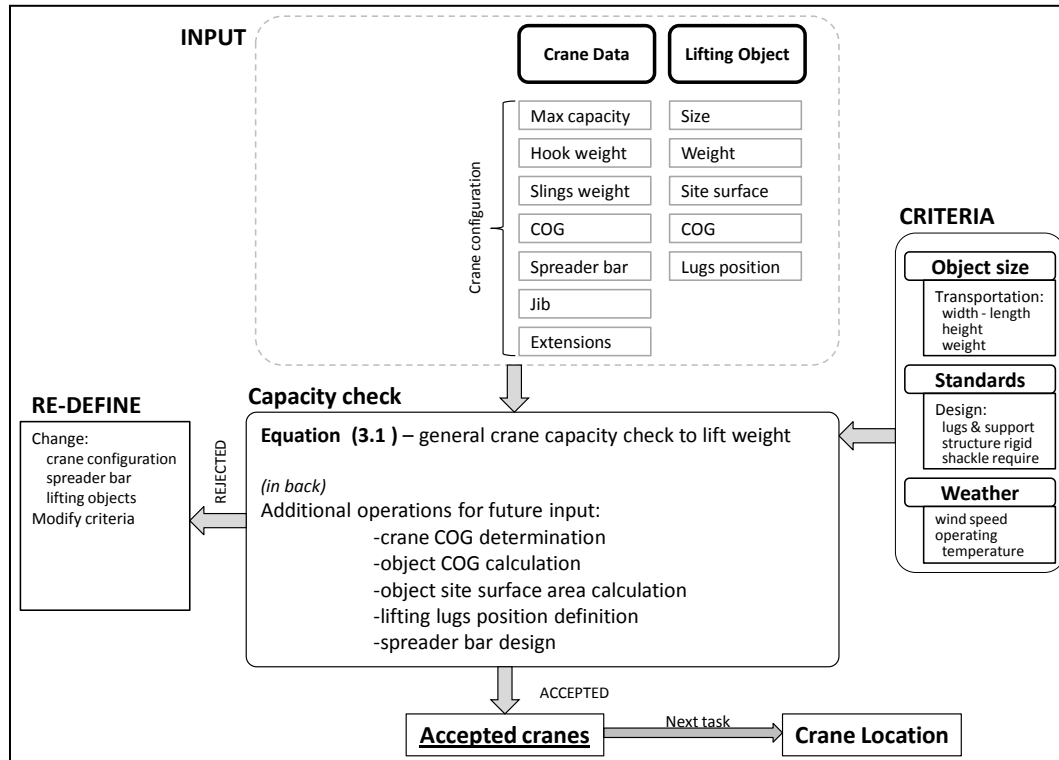


Figure 3.4 Expanded flowchart for crane load capacity check.

Re-definition poses a set of questions, which causes assigning different crane configuration, choosing a lighter spreader bar, or dividing the lifted object into smaller pieces. Capacity check activities are subject to criteria, which include object size, site regulation, building standards, or weather conditions.

Crane Placement Location: Sufficient clearance must be maintained between the surrounding buildings, the crane's carrier, the outriggers, and the counterweight in order to retain the ability to geometrically fit the crane on the construction site. Extensive work has been done on single crane lift analysis [Al-Hussein-et al. 2001 and 2005, Moselhi et al. 2004, Manrique et al. 2007] and multi-lift crane position placement [Olearczyk et al. 2007 and 2009]. Figure 3.5 displays the detailed descriptions for each section of the crane placement location. Input includes three data segments related to site, crane, and lifting object parameters. Site data provides information about available layout areas, surveying and ground density, and obstruction under and above ground level. Crane related data includes outriggers, configuration, counterweight, and superlift space requirements, as

well as spreader bar availability or boom attachment additions. Object data includes weight, geometric center (GC), lifting lugs dimensions, and additional supports for temporary storage.

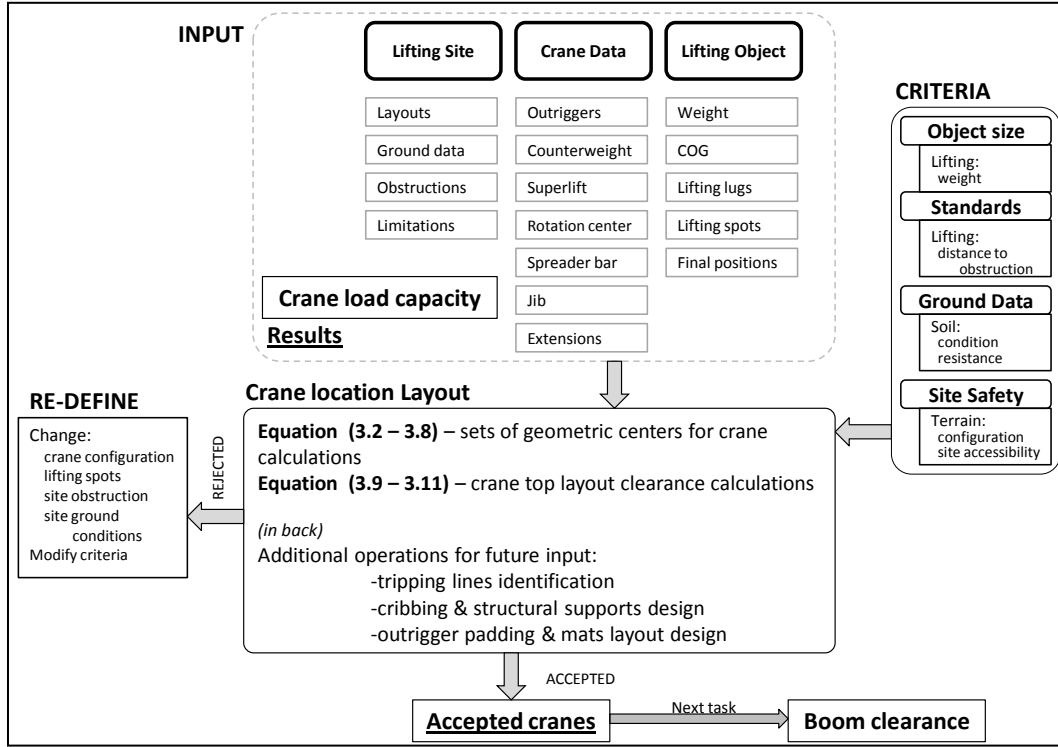


Figure 3.5 Expanded flowchart for crane placement location.

The main operation processes include equations that provide mathematical solutions to calculate geometric centers and clearance distances to nearby obstructions. If for any reason the crane configuration is rejected, the process is not terminated but re-directed for possible change implementation. The re-define option regulates the changes applied to the input data: it contains limited options strictly regulated by predefined criteria. This process starts with calculating the geometric center of all objects that are under evaluation. Figure 3.6 illustrates building layout with reference dimensions for each individual lift.

The centroid of a set of n point masses m_i located at position x_i and y_i are as follows:

$$x = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i} \quad (3.2)$$

$$y = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i} \quad (3.3)$$

Where:

- m – Object mass
- n – Number of objects
- x – Plane horizontal coordinate
- y – Plane vertical coordinate

Each lifted object's geometric center point is calculated satisfying equations (3.2) and (3.3). Once the calculation is complete, the next step is analyzing the maximum crane radiuses for each type of lifted object. Such analysis eliminates those crane configurations that would not be able to reach all lifts. Figure 3.7 shows the objects' maximum set-point radiuses in relation to calculated crane rotation center point.

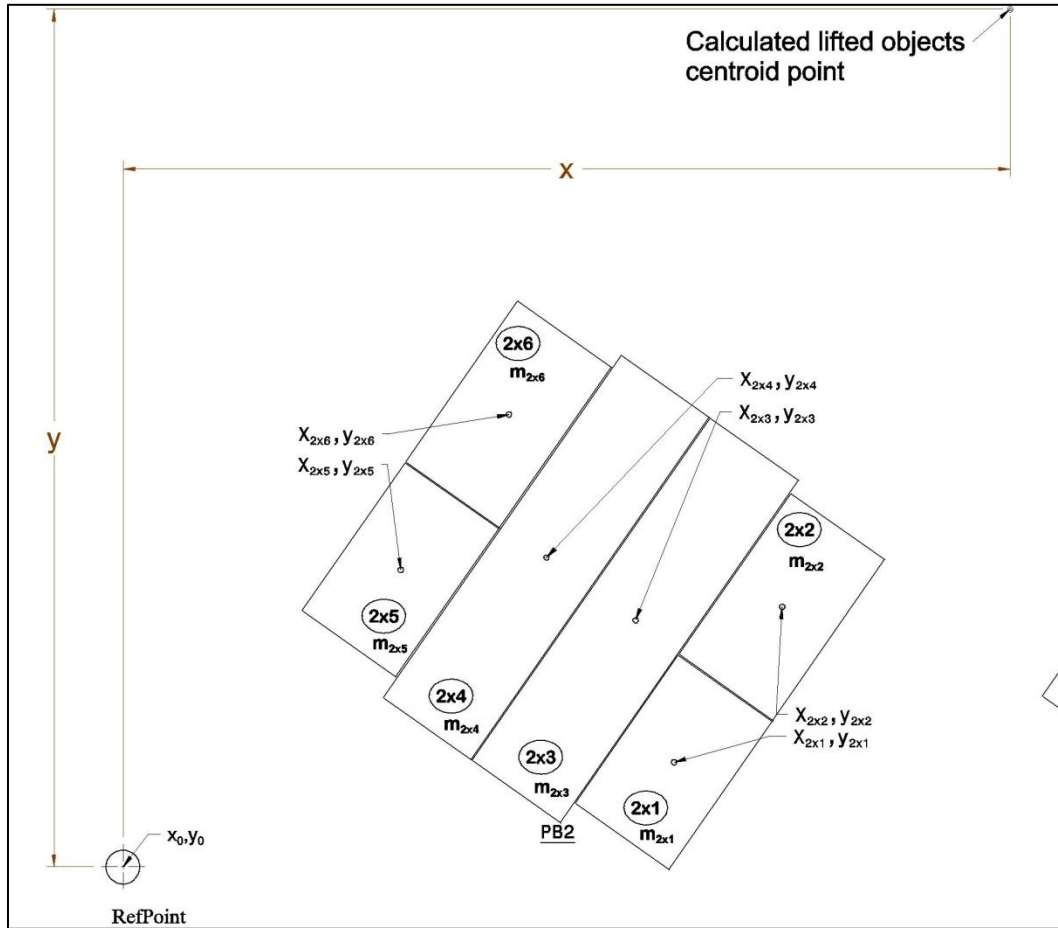


Figure 3.6 Lifted objects' centroid points.

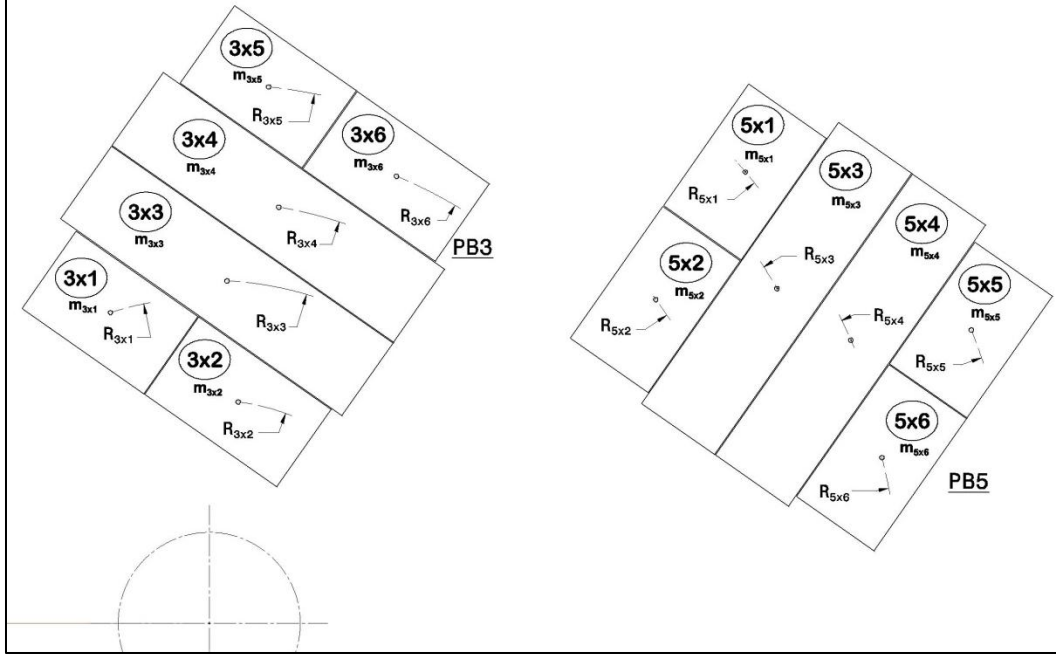


Figure 3.7 Objects' set-points radiuses.

A lifted object's geometric center in relation to the crane's radiuses together with the particular object weight must be below the chosen crane's maximum lifting capacity, satisfying equation 3.4:

$$MAX \quad R_{xxx} \quad m_{xxx} < R_{max} \quad W \quad (3.4)$$

Where:

R_{xxx} – Set-point radius of lifted object type

m_{xxx} – mass of the objects at R_{xxx}

R_{max} – Crane maximum radius

W_{max} – Crane maximum lifted weight at R_{max}

Equation 3.4 may apply to each particular set of lifted objects, and only the one at the maximum set-point radius will govern the crane selection process. Crane manufacturers provide data, where crane boom radiuses define maximum allowable load lift weight. An algorithm for mobile crane selection [Al-Hussein et al. 2001] has been implemented to select the right unit. As an example, if the lifted object module number [5x5] (5-building, x- elevation, 5-object type), with weight m_{5x5} and set-point radius R_{5x5} , has the maximum radius for this object type, the unit data will govern crane selection operation. When all the object types are checked for maximum radiuses position and weight, and further

representative types are preselected, their maximum weight and radiuses distance control the crane selection result.

After the crane has been selected, its carrier dimension must be checked for obstruction clearances. Figure 3.8 shows the calculation of minimum clearance distance to the closest obstruction. A simple analysis of distance checking can identify the closest object to the calculated centroid point, called C_s (crane set-point). In presented analysis, unit 3x2 is the closest lifted object, with set-point (x_{3x2}, y_{3x2}) and position angle ε .

From the lifted object database parameters, the length of the object (l) and the width of the object (w) are provided. The crane database provides access to counterweight radius and outrigger positions. First, the lifted object diagonal length (l_d) is calculated, satisfying equation 3.5.

$$l_d = \sqrt{\frac{l^2}{2} + \frac{w^2}{2}} \quad (3.5)$$

Where:

- l_d – *object diagonal length*
- l – *object length*
- w – *object width*

$$x_d = l_d * \cos \varepsilon + \beta \quad (3.8)$$

Where:

- l_d – object diagonal length
- ε – lifted object side to horizontal line angle
- β – object diagonal length angle to its envelope side

Identifying the bottom triangle is the next step in the clearance calculation process. Figure 3.9 shows the bottom triangle with sides C_s , D and E . Solving E , D and C_s , E sides of the presented triangle allows for calculation of hypotenuse C_s , D , satisfying equation 3.9 and equation 3.10, respectively. Calculating clearance (Cl) satisfies equation 3.11:

$$C_s, E = y_{3x2} - y - y_d \quad (3.9)$$

$$E, D = x_{3x2} - x + x_d \quad (3.10)$$

Where:

- C_s – crane set-point (lifted objects' centroid point)
- x, y – C_s crane set-point coordinate values
- x_{3x2}, y_{3x2} – 3x2 object centroid point coordinate values
- x_d, y_d – calculated lengths from eq. 3.7 and 3.8

$$Cl = \sqrt{y_{3x2} - y - y_d^2 + x_{3x2} - x + x_d^2} - R_{CW} \quad (3.11)$$

Where:

- Cl – minimum crane carrier to obstruction clearance
- R_{CW} – crane counterweight maximum radius

The clearance (Cl) calculation is based on a particular configuration layout, but its method can be applied to any crane carrier body obstruction relation.

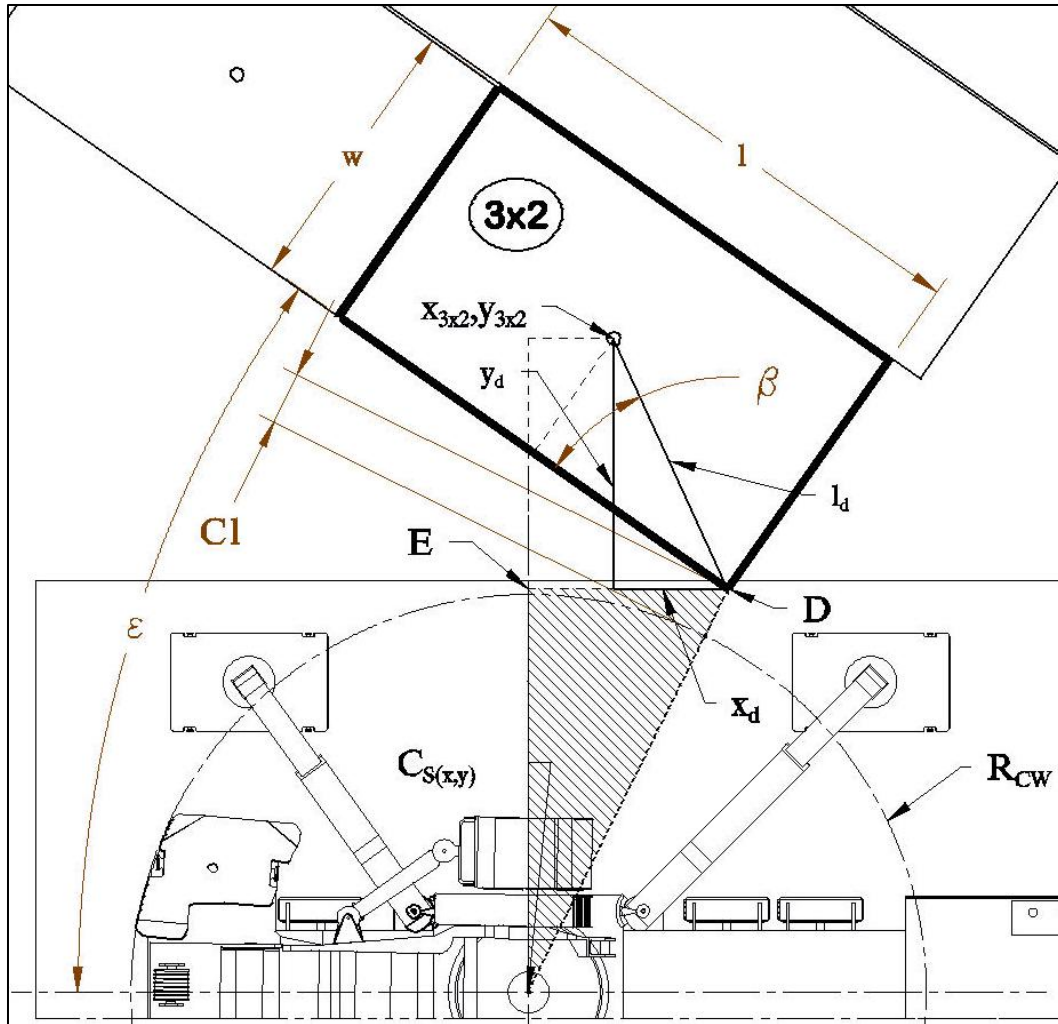


Figure 3.9 Crane carrier clearance bottom triangle.

Boom Clearance Analysis: After the crane location is defined and checked for potential carrier clearance, the crane boom clearance analysis must be performed. Table 3.1 presents the characteristics of three scenarios for which a hydraulic mobile crane can be utilized. These scenarios reflect most of the crane boom position situations at construction sites. In Scenario 1 boom angle to the ground and boom tip height is analyzed based on boom length and the lift radius. Scenarios 2 and 3 evaluate the crane boom with extension, and respectively calculate boom angle, lift radius, and tip height.

Table 3.1 Crane configuration scenarios description.

Scenario	Equipment	Given	Calculate
1	Main boom	Boom length, lift radius	Boom angle, tip height
2	Main boom, extension	Boom + extension length, lift radius	Boom angle, tip height
3	Main boom, extension	Boom + extension length, boom and extension angle	Lift radius, tip height

Figure 3.10 showcases detailed steps and equations. The input parameters include information related to the crane, its carrier dimension boom rotation offsets, as well as boom extensions dimensions, weight, and parameters that may be critical to proper and safe assembly operation. Additional input parameters include limited information related to site obstruction layout elevation dimensions, and limitation of the crane accessories assembly operation. Lifting object weight and lift operation radiuses may have a direct effect on the crane outriggers' ground pressure, and as such can require a special spot system for outriggers. Boom clearance analysis is subject to a set of criteria of ground data storing information, which is related to the minimum soil condition for heavy lifts, and special instructions about outrigger area preparation requirements.

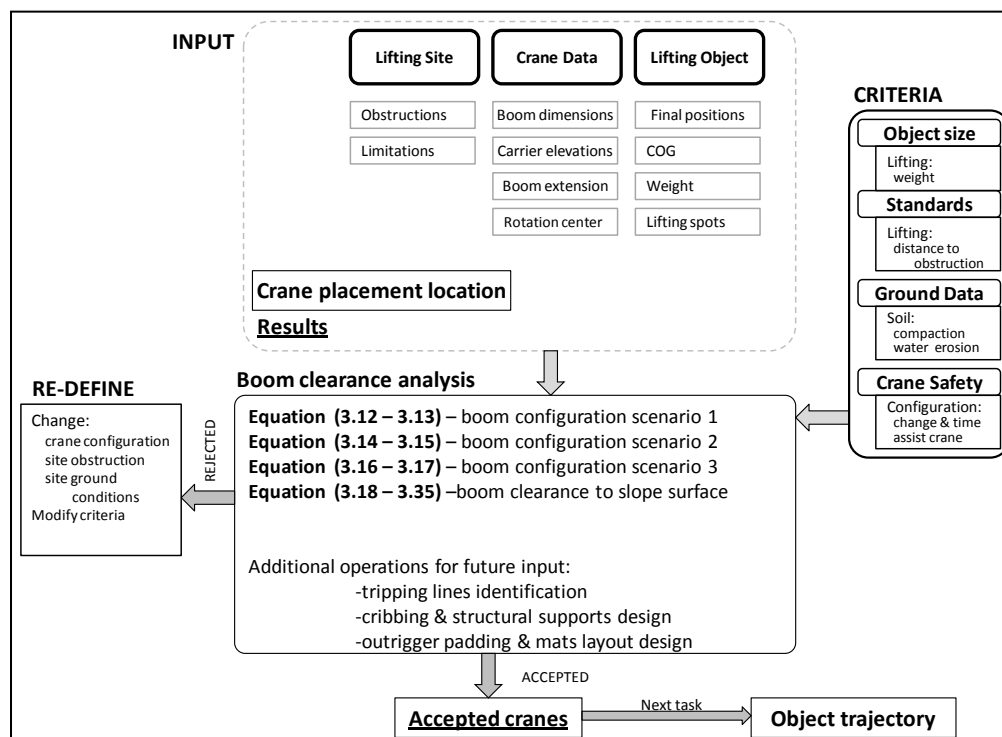


Figure 3.10 Expanded flowchart for crane boom clearance optimization.

Modifying or changing crane boom configuration must be planned carefully and in advance, and for that reason information related to safe operation with an assisted crane has its own established criteria. When part or whole equations are not satisfied, they are directed to the re-define section where changes can be made such as ground condition improvement, additional operations, or altering the current crane configuration.

Scenario 1: In this scenario (Figure 3.11) the lift is performed on the main boom without any attachments.

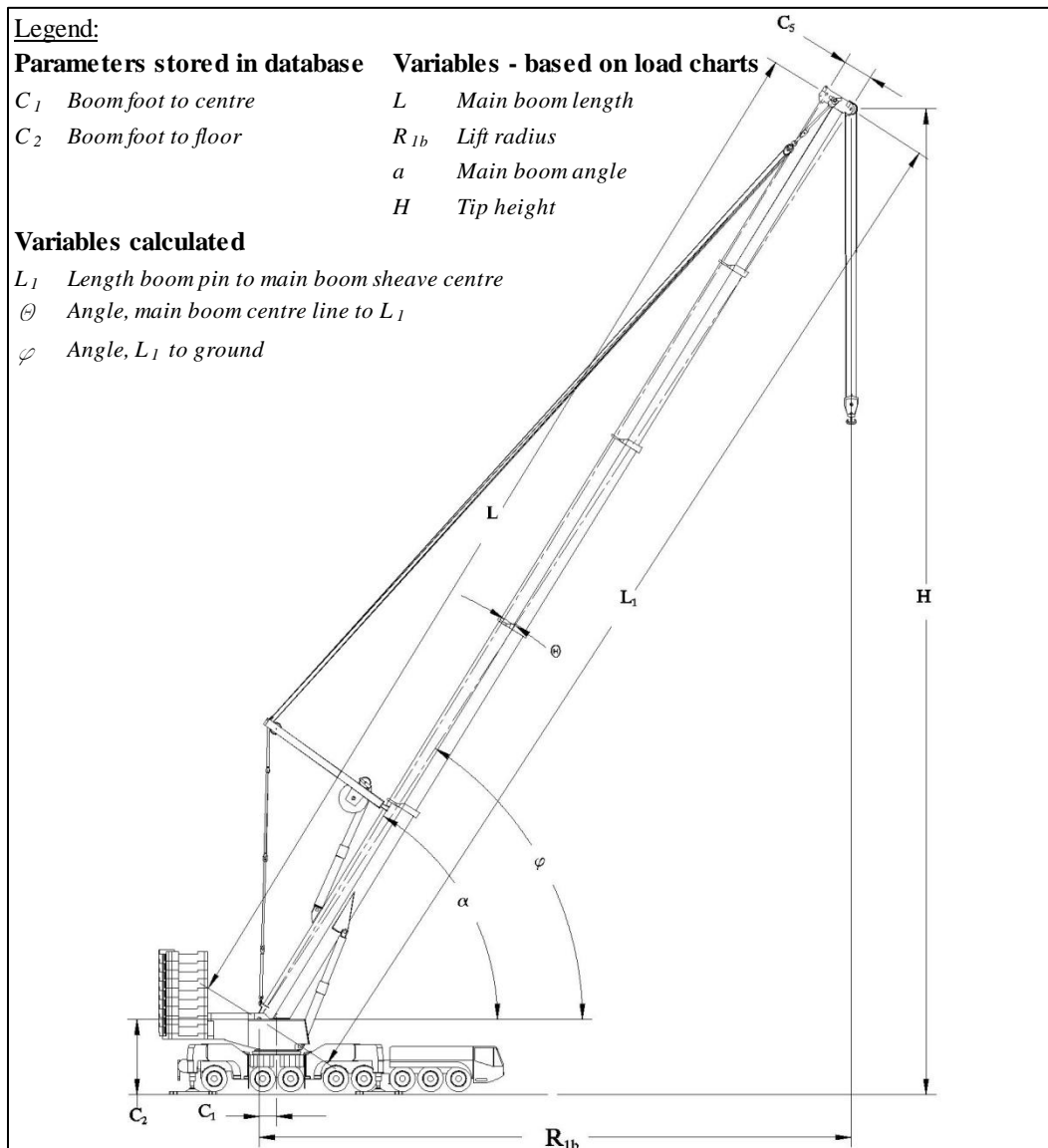


Figure 3.11 Scenario 1 graphical representation.

The known values include the main boom length (L) and the lift radius (R_{lb}); the calculated parameters include the main boom angle to the ground (α) and the lifting tip height (H), which satisfy equation 3.12 and equation 3.13, respectively.

Main boom angle

$$\alpha = \theta + \varphi \quad (3.12)$$

and main boom tip height

$$H = C_2 + \sqrt{L_1^2 - R_{1b}^2} \quad (3.13)$$

Where:

$$\varphi = \arccos \frac{R_{1b}}{L} \quad \text{angle of } L_1 \text{ line to horizontal}$$

$$\theta = \arctan \frac{C_5}{L} \quad \text{angle main boom center line to } L_1$$

$$L_1 = \sqrt{L^2 + C_5^2} \quad \text{length boom pin to main boom sheave centre}$$

Scenario 2: This scenario involves lifts on the main boom's fixed extension (see Figure 3.12). In this scenario the boom length (L), lift radius (R), and extension offset (φ_{of}) are given; the main boom angle (α) and the lifting tip height (H) are calculated satisfying equation 3.14 and equation 3.15, respectively.

$$\alpha = \theta_{ex} + \varphi \quad (3.14)$$

$$H = C_2 + \sqrt{(L + C_{10})^2 - R^2} \quad (3.15)$$

Where:

$$\varphi_{of} = 0 \quad \text{boom extension offset}$$

$$\theta_{ex} = \arctan \frac{C_9}{(L + C_{10})}$$

Scenario 3: This scenario also involves lifts on the main boom's fixed extension (Figure 3.12). In this scenario the boom length (L), boom angle (α) and extension angle (φ_{ex}) are given. The lift radius (R) and lift tip height (H) are calculated satisfying equation 3.16 and equation 3.17, respectively.

Legend:

Parameters stored in database

C_1 Boom foot to centre
 C_2 Boom foot to floor
 C_9 Extension sheave offset
 C_{10} Extension length

Variables - based on load charts

L Main boom length
 R_{1b} Lift radius
 α Main boom angle
 H Tip height

Variables - calculated

L_1 Length boom pin to main boom sheave centre
 L_{1ex} Length main boom pin to extension sheave centre
 θ Angle, main boom centre line to L_1
 θ_{ex} Angle, main boom centre line to L_{1ex}
 φ Angle, L_1 to ground

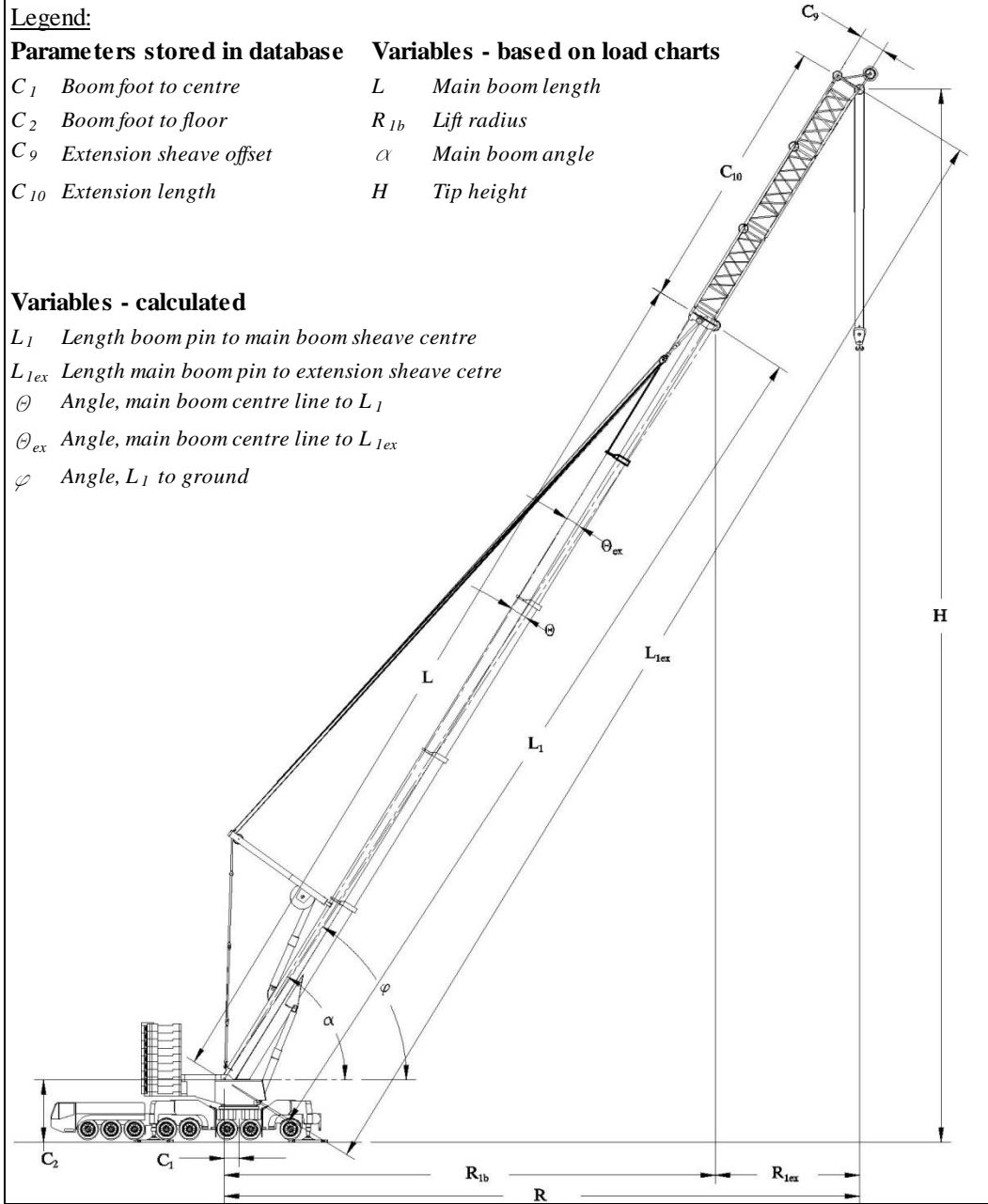


Figure 3.12 Scenario 2 and 3 graphical representation.

$$R = R_{1b} + R_{ex} - C_1 \quad (3.16)$$

$$H = \sqrt{(L_{1ex} - L_1)^2 - R_{1ex}^2} + \sqrt{L_1^2 - R_{1b}^2} + C_2 \quad (3.17)$$

Where:

$$R_{1ex} = \sqrt{(C_{10}^2 + C_9^2)} \cos(\alpha - \theta_{ex})$$

$$\theta_{ex} = \arctan \frac{C_9}{(L + C_{10})}$$

$$L_{1ex} = \sqrt{(L + C_{10})^2 + (C_9)^2}$$

Boom clearance to slope surface analysis

Positioning cranes on construction sites is not a new problem for practitioners. There are a number of computer programs developed to support engineers in their planning activities. Al-Hussein et al. [2001] presents an algorithm for crane selection and location on construction sites, including boom clearance analysis. The author based his analysis on the evaluation 48 different cranes, with capacities from 20 tonnes to 880 tonnes. The number of different configurations that may be developed from that many cranes exceeds 100,000. Rigging equipment, shackles, and spreader-bars further expand the already extensive information database. To properly manage such a large amount of information, the authors developed an algorithm that incorporates a database that contains four different categories: carriers, outriggers, and counterweights; boom pin offsets in relation to main rotation axis; sheaves dimensions, jibs, and jib-sheaves dimensions with their offsets; and lift data set, radiuses, jib lengths, jibs angles and tip heights, and lifting zones. The general logic of Al-Hussein et al. [2001] was adapted in this research to all terrain hydraulic cranes with main boom and main boom with extension.

A further expansion algorithm goes beyond an analysis of the boom position in the normal plane (flat roof shape) in relation to the building, in keeping with the analysis outlined by Shapiro et al. [1999]. Figure 3.13 shows a layout of the critical crane boom position and the referenced parameters. Critical dimensions include boom obstruction calculations such as boom center line to obstruction edge angle (φ), boom radius (R), and boom rotation center to obstruction edges distances, horizontal (h) or vertical (k).

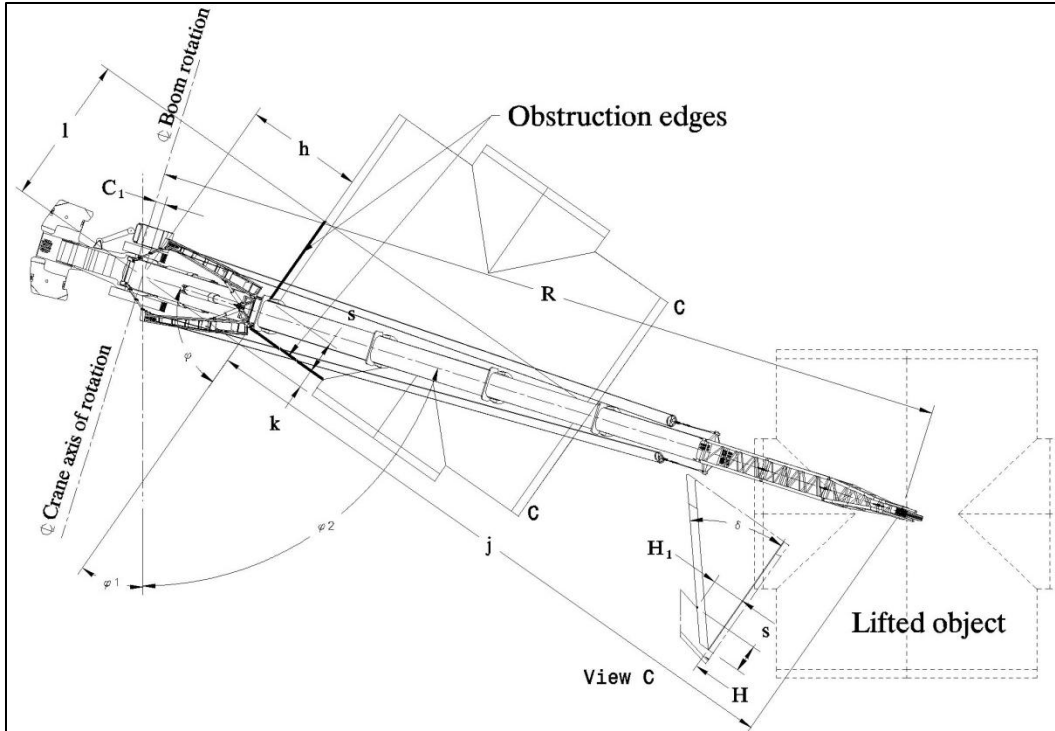


Figure 3.13 Boom-obstruction plan view.

However, while such analyses calculate the required clearances of the erected crane boom to potential obstructions, they fail to address a situation where the roof has an inclined configuration. The present study involves that particular configuration with the intent to develop a solution that addresses the situation where the crane boom position is not in the normal plane but in the inclined roof shape to the building structure. This complex geometrical configuration is supported by 2D drawings and 3D isometric layouts where the calculated minimum clearance, between the crane boom and the inclined roof, defines the exact position of the lifted roof. Such a lift configuration, where the obstruction is between the lifted object and the crane boom envelope, is common on construction sites. Engineers would like to schedule a maximum number of lifts without relocating the crane. In some situations reconfiguring the crane for one or two lifts can be more cost-effective than to disassemble-move-assemble the unit. Figure 3.14 shows an elevation boom obstruction tandem sketch, where a small-detail view shows local coordinate system arrows and triangle lines in the different planes.

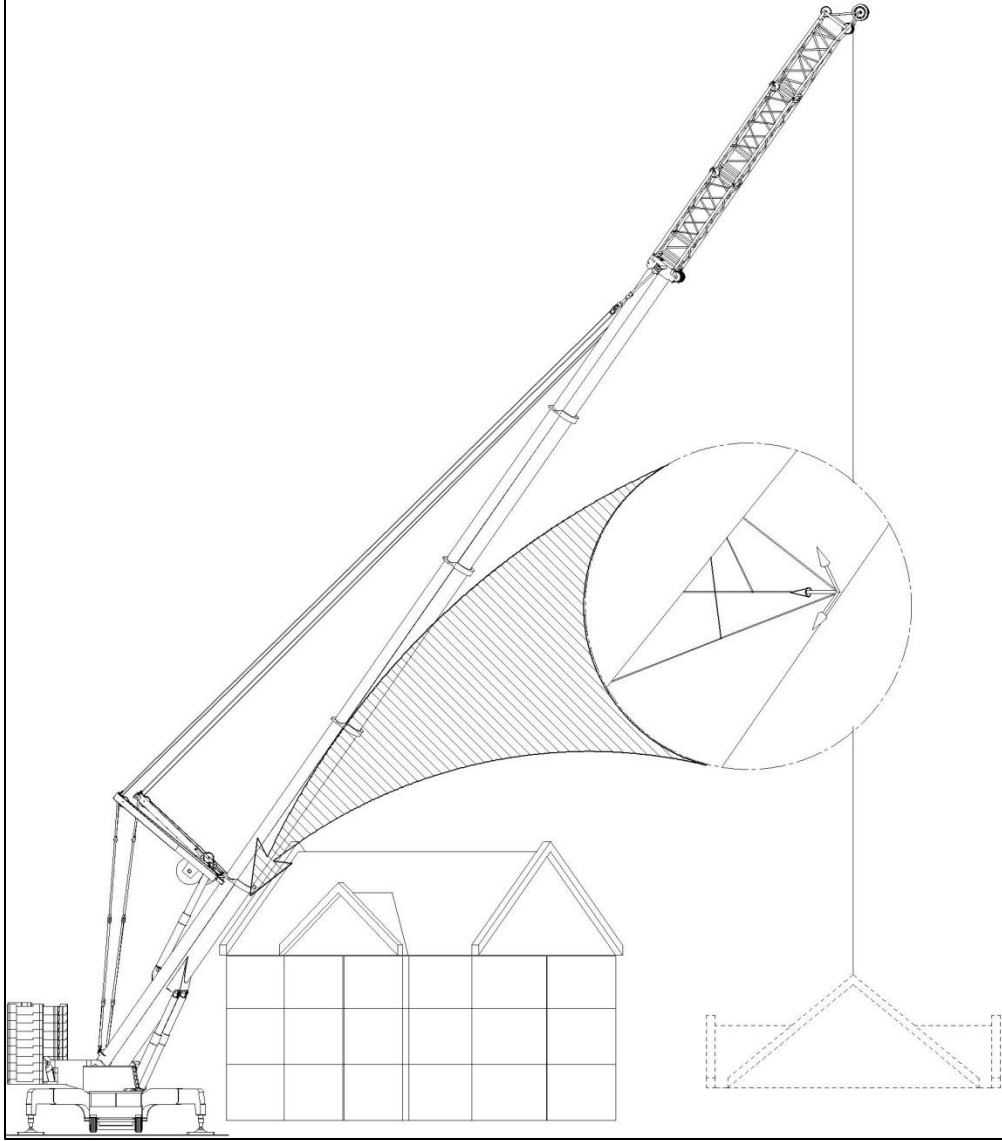


Figure 3.14 Boom elevation and Detail view.

Based on the calculated boom length (L_{lex}) (see equation 3.17), the operation to calculate the radius satisfies equation 3.18:

$$R = L_{lex} \cos \alpha_B - C_1 \quad (3.18)$$

Where:

$$\alpha_B = \alpha - \theta_{ex}$$

R – crane lift radius

L_{lex} – crane boom length with extension

t – offset of the boom rotation axis

a and Q_{ex} – refer to Figure 3.12

And when boom length is known the crane boom angle will be:

$$\alpha_B = \cos^{-1} \frac{R + t}{L_{1ex}} \quad (3.19)$$

As per Figure 3.13, the horizontal angle (φ) of the crane boom obstruction is calculated to satisfy equation 3.20:

$$\varphi = \sin^{-1} \frac{h + j}{R} \quad (3.20)$$

Where:

- h – crane rotation axis from obstruction edge
- j – projected distance from crane boom tip to obstruction edge

The roof inclined angle (δ) defines the projection point boom center to the roof envelope, and the distance (H_1) from the horizontal plane is calculated satisfying equations 3.21, 3.22 and 3.23:

$$\tan \varphi = \frac{s + k}{h} \quad (3.21)$$

$$\tan \delta = \frac{H_1}{s} = \frac{H_1}{h \tan \varphi - k} \quad (3.22)$$

$$H_1 = \tan \delta \ h \tan \varphi - k \quad (3.23)$$

Where:

- s – boom envelope edge to obstruction edge distance
- k – boom rotation center to obstruction edge distance
- H_1 – elevation boom point (see Figure 3.11, View C)
- H – obstruction height to top surface (Figure 3.11, View C)
- d – roof angle (see View C)

The distances (h) and (j) (see Figure 3.13) are taken directly from the input parameters, and they are related to the object pick-point and the crane set-point positions. The boom length (L_{1ex}) is the center line of the boom shape that is represented in Figure 3.12. The hydraulic telescopic boom is built of different-sized sections extended at the maximum height of (L'). In most cases the crane boom operates at its maximum extended length, and sections are automatically pinned (locked) for safe operation. The center line of the

boom shape is at constant position in all sections; however, each section has a different dimension since they must slide inside one another when they are un-pinned and retracted. For simplification and for spatial calculation, the operation envelope frame is introduced, which is presented in Figure 3.15 and Figure 3.16.

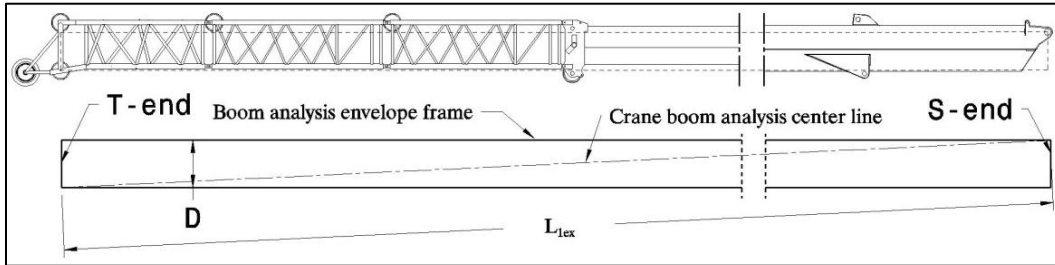


Figure 3.15 Crane boom elevation view and envelope representation.

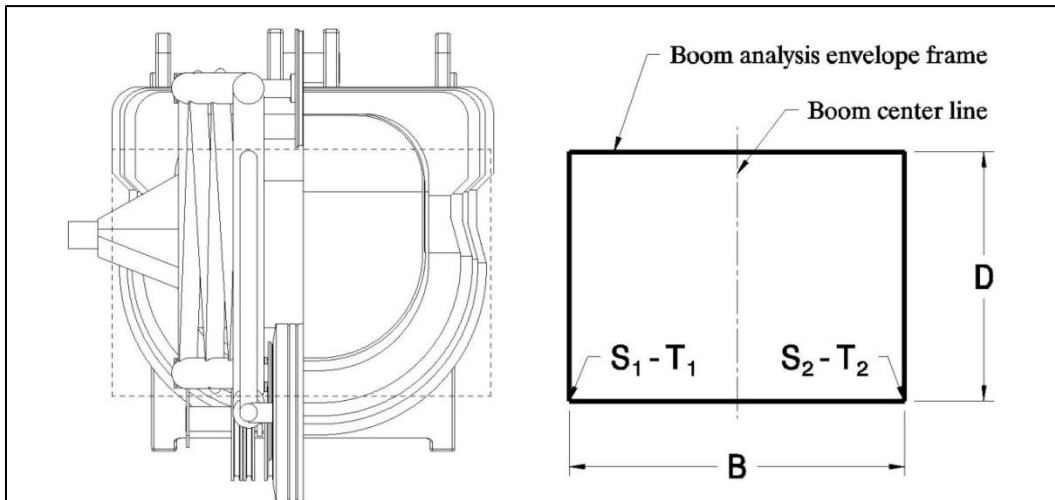


Figure 3.16 Crane boom section view and envelope representation.

In Figure 3.15 the envelope elevation ends are marked S and T, transferred to a sectional view. In Figure 3.16, and identify two critical edges of the proposed envelope, which are closest to the analyzed obstruction or other objects. Analysis will be based on S_2-T_2 line distance to the inclined roof edge structure. Figure 3.17 shows a boom-obstruction isometric research working view, with a boom envelope rectangular block shape with two vertical edges marked T_1-T_2 and S_1-S_2 . The identified points create a surface, which holds important projection lines. On the right side of the Figure, dotted lines reflect the edges of the flat top obstruction surface and the portion of the roof sloped section with gable rising. There are also two circles, A and B, that illustrate graphical calculations. Detail B (Figure 3.19) presents the graphical calculation to top surface, which is described in detail in Shapiro et al. [1999], and Detail A (Figure 3.18) presents the graphical

calculation to slope surface. Clearance analysis of the boom to sloped surface is a new solution based on the same calculation principle used with a flat top surface. It includes additional sloped angle δ , which can be seen in Figure 3.20, expanded detail A clearance description.

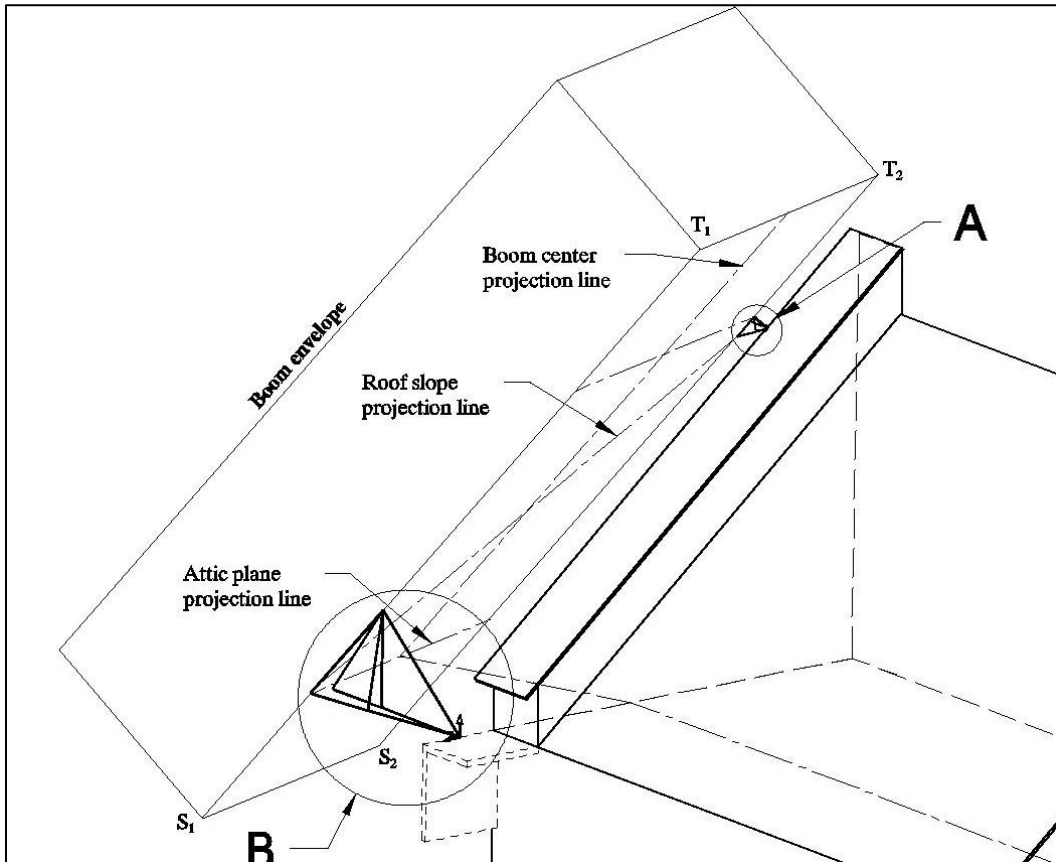


Figure 3.17 Boom-obstruction clearance analysis.

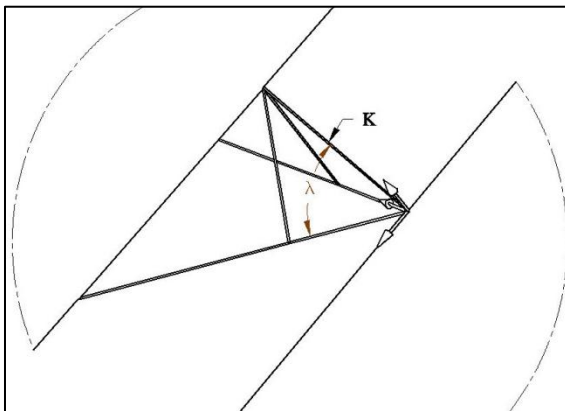


Figure 3.18 Detail A sloped roof.

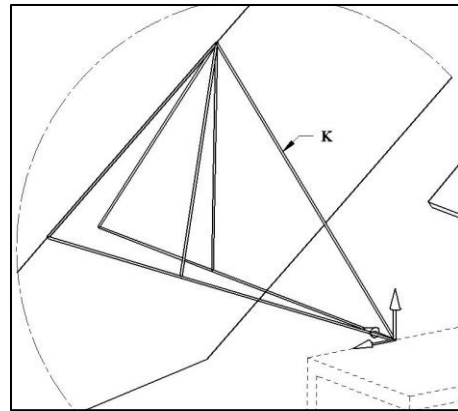


Figure 3.19 Detail B – flat roof.

For clarification, additional dotted planes (see Figure 3.20) were introduced to represent positions in a 3D environment. They include projected lengths of analyzed distances. The analysis plane is perpendicular to the obstruction is roof edge and holds an x-y coordinate of local axis definition.

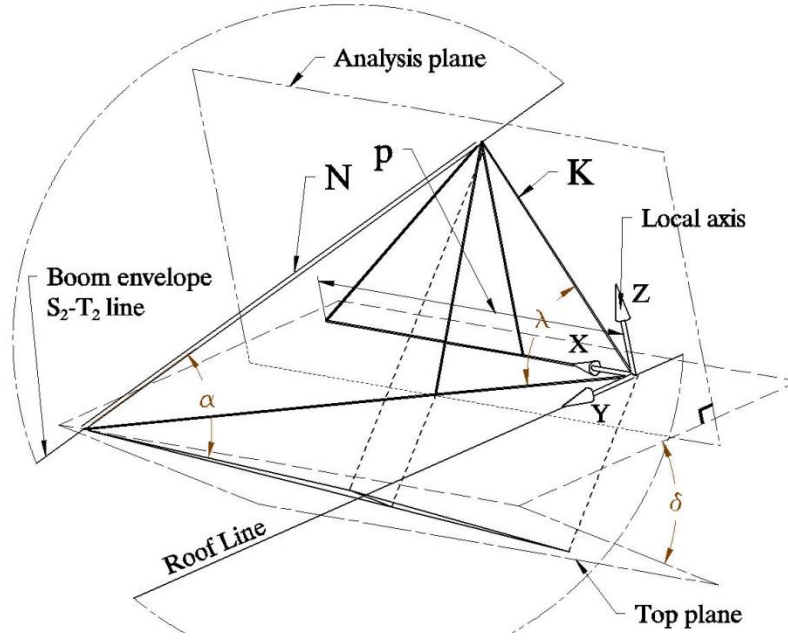


Figure 3.20 Clearance description detail A view expanded.

The clearance distance between the crane boom envelopes line S_2-T_2 and the roof slope line is defined by (K) , which is the true length and can be seen in the first sketch of Appendix A-06. Local axis definition was created to establish a better visualization of the problem in order to help define lengths using the direction cosines mathematical method. For the true length line (K) direction cosines are as follows:

$$\alpha_K = \frac{X_K}{K} \quad \beta_K = \frac{0}{K} \quad \gamma_K = \frac{Z_K}{K} \quad (3.24)$$

The line (N) , (see Figure 3.20) represents the edge of the boom envelope and the direction cosines are as follows:

$$\alpha_{N'} = \frac{-X_N}{N} \quad \beta_{N'} = \frac{Y_N}{N} \quad \gamma_K = \frac{Z_K}{N} \quad (3.25)$$

Where:

- K — clearance distance true length
- X_K — K length projected on X axis

Z_K $- K$ length projected on Z axis
 N $- boom$ envelope edge

The projection of the boom envelope to the local axes in spherical coordinate form:

$$X_N = -N \sin \varphi \cos \alpha_B \sin \delta \quad (3.26)$$

$$Y_N = N \cos \varphi \cos \alpha_B \cos \delta \quad (3.27)$$

$$Z_K = N \sin \alpha_B \cos \delta \quad (3.28)$$

Direction cosines angles:

$$\alpha_{N'} = -\sin \varphi \cos \alpha_B \sin \delta \quad \beta_{N'} = \cos \varphi \cos \alpha_B \sin \delta \quad \gamma_{N'} = \sin \alpha_B \cos \delta$$

Because line (K) and line (N) are perpendicular, the dot product of two vectors:

$$\alpha_{N'} \alpha_K + \beta_{N'} \beta_K + \gamma_{N'} \gamma_K = 0 \quad (3.29)$$

And replacing adequate values:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-X_K}{K} \sin \varphi \cos \alpha_B \sin \delta + \frac{Z_K}{K} \sin \alpha_B \cos \delta &= 0 \\ \frac{Z_K}{X_K} &= \frac{\sin \varphi \tan \delta}{\tan \alpha_B} = \frac{h + j \tan \delta}{R \tan \alpha_B} \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

From Figure 3.20 the clearance line with inclined surface makes angle (λ), and then:

$$\tan \lambda = \frac{Z_K}{X_K} = \frac{\sin \varphi}{\tan \alpha_B} \tan \delta = \frac{h + j \tan \delta}{R \tan \alpha_B} \quad (3.31)$$

Let (p) be the shortest distance between two lines in the analysis plane:

$$p = -X_N + X_K = N \sin \varphi \cos \alpha_B \sin \delta + K \cos \lambda$$

After few substitution and manipulations:

$$p = \frac{K}{\cos \lambda} \quad (3.32)$$

Also, the distance (p) can be described as:

$$p = R - \frac{H - C_2 + K \sin \lambda \cos \delta + D/2 \cos \alpha_B}{\tan \alpha_B} - \frac{D}{2} \sin \alpha_B \sin \varphi - \frac{B}{2} \cos \varphi - j$$

$$p = R - \frac{H - C_2}{\tan \alpha_B} - \frac{D}{2 \sin \alpha_B} \sin \varphi - \frac{B}{2} \cos \varphi - j - \frac{K \sin \lambda \cos \delta \sin \varphi}{\tan \alpha_B} \quad (3.33)$$

Where:

- R – crane boom radius
- D – boom envelope height dimension (see Figure 3.16)
- B – boom envelope width dimension (see Figure 3.16)
- H – obstruction height to top surface (Figure 3.13 View C)
- C_2 – boom rotation axis ground offset (see Figure 3.12)

Replacing (p) from the previous equation, clearance (K) is given by:

$$K = \frac{1}{W} \left(R - \frac{H - C_2}{\tan \alpha_B} - \frac{D}{2 \sin \alpha_B} \sin \varphi - \frac{B}{2} \cos \varphi - j \right) \quad (3.34)$$

Where:

$$W = \frac{1 + \sin^2 \lambda \cos \delta}{\cos \lambda} \quad (3.35)$$

- α_B – boom angle offset
- φ – boom angle to obstruction (see Figure 3.13)
- R – crane boom radius
- D – boom envelope height dimension (see Figure 3.16)
- B – boom envelope width dimension (see Figure 3.16)
- H – obstruction height to top surface (Figure 3.13 View C)
- C_2 – boom rotation axis ground offset (see Figure 3.12)

3.3 Object Trajectory Optimization

During the lift assembly operation, the lifted object is displaced from its pick-point, usually located at the ground level, to its final resting place, usually at a specific elevation. Although movement of crane parts can be traced in relation to the crane carrier, passage of the lifted object can be complicated and difficult to calculate. Improper assessment of clearances can cause damage to the lifted object, passed obstructions, or the operating crane. Analysis of the lifted object trajectory is critical, and the presented proposed algorithm in this section is based on the assumption that each crane action is assigned as a single operation; for example, rotation is represented as an arc, and booming up, down, and radial displacement are represented as a line. No combination movements, such as booming and rotating at the same time, are assessed.

Proposed algorithm

The proposed algorithm layout is based on extensive research on a few heavy crane lift operation projects. The algorithm will be explained step-by-step with respect to crane-object-obstruction relation movement at specific crane configuration and lifted object parameters. Figure 3.21 shows the macro-level of a linear flowchart schema with phase assignments definition names. Terminators Start and End are separated with four blocks consisting of phases where specific objectives are defined and analyzed. The sequence of operations is based on industry expert knowledge and must follow logical action consequences. Predecessor outputs, acting as an input data, are closely related to particular task operations and carry a set of evidence that are critical for this task. The macro-level flowchart is divided into four sections, which cover eight sub-sections called phases. The first section includes Phase 1, which evaluates the object pick area, and Phase 2, crane boom obstruction analysis. The second section covers Phase 3, crane superlift restriction area development, and Phase 4, crane simplified trajectory design. The third section Phase 5, elevation defining method, and Phase 6, anchored and floating obstructions development and relations. The fourth section contains Phase 7, development of elevation trajectory path, and Phase 8, optimization method for developing several paths in different elevations. At the end, the algorithm based on set-up optimization criteria and weight values, proposes an optimized road from the object pick-point to its final resting position.

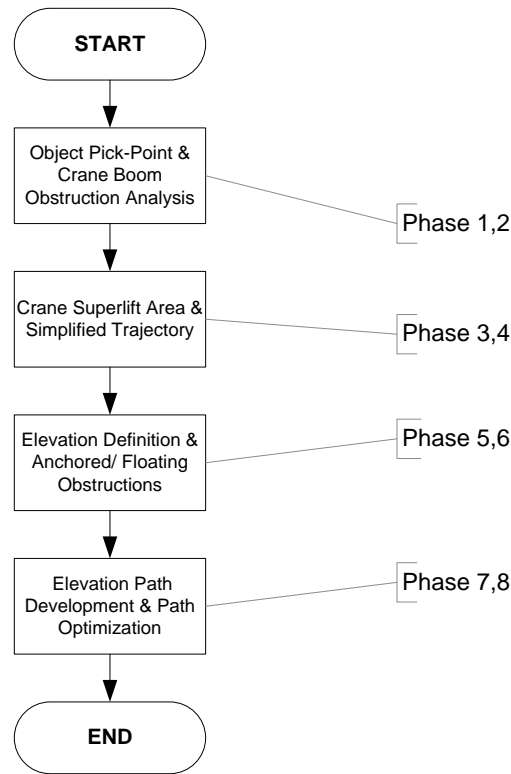


Figure 3.21 Trajectory algorithm macro-level flowchart.

Figure 3.22 shows an expanded trajectory algorithm flowchart. It consists of eight phases with clearly defined objectives and output identification direction. Phases 6 and 7 are placed in a short loop to evaluate each elevation separately and store full or partial solutions. Phase 8 analyzes developed paths to find the optimal solution and create the final trajectory path definition.

Input and criteria parameters directly involved in the algorithm are explained further in Figure 3.22. Only certain data is engaged in the process of mathematical calculations, which directly create evaluated output. Also, due to the limited information that is required for evaluation at this stage, only part of the criteria participates in filtering the desired data. The described process analyzes single iteration with the given crane position, object pick areas, and object set point location. The entire methodology concept is presented in the form of tasks and decisions blocks. Figure 3.22 shows the main process of the proposed methodology. The input parameters include essential information for the modeling process, including the object's data that contains dimensions and weight parameters, and the crane's data that includes specifications such as dimensions, radiuses, and lifting capacities. Also, the input box stores information about construction site

configuration and potential coordinate values of obstructions. Each specific parameter in the input box refers to a set of data required in order to run the algorithm operations. This section begins with a segment where data collection procedures, system configuration identification, and detailed schedule preparation create a basis for the algorithm performance and must be provided prior to initiating the algorithm operation.

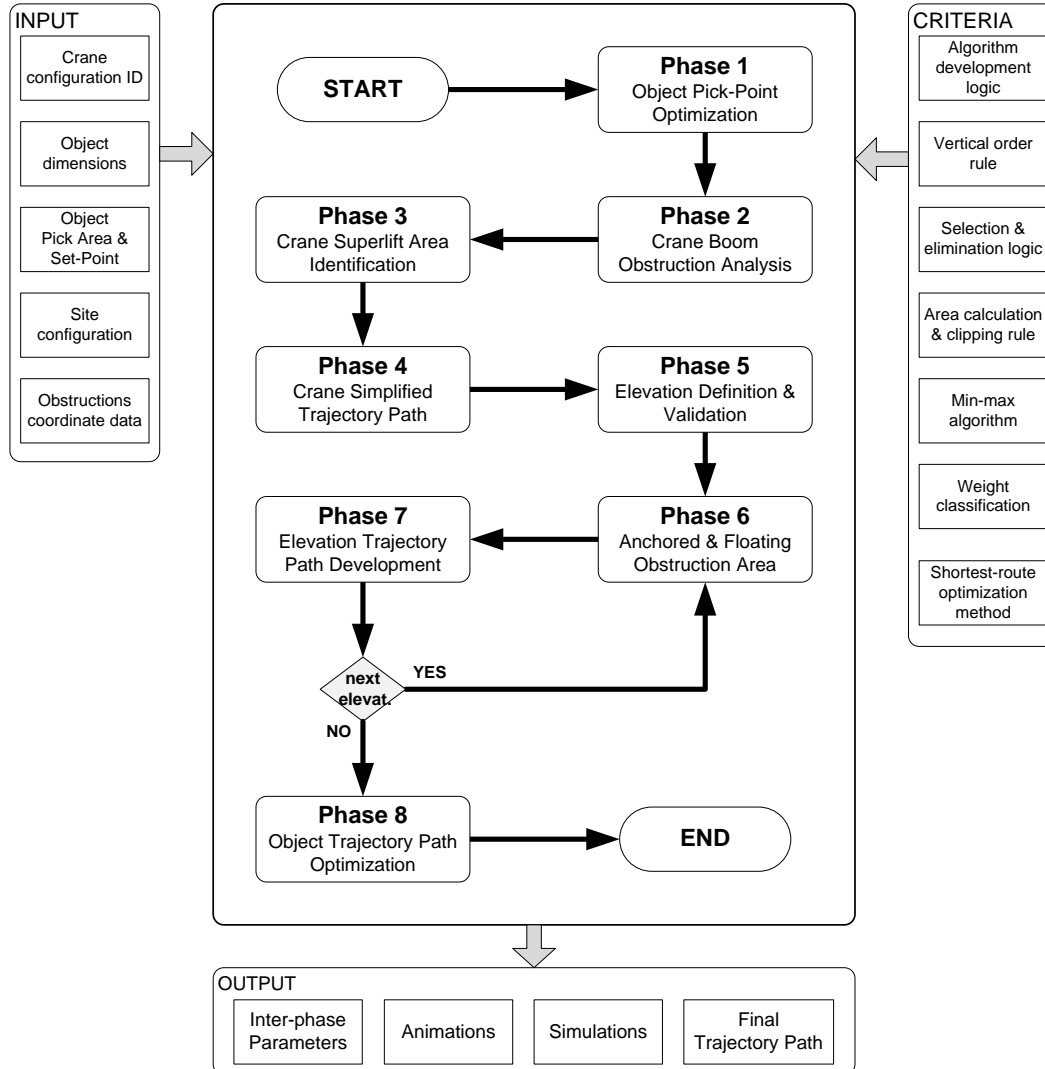


Figure 3.22 Algorithm micro-level flowchart.

The trajectory algorithm's main process phases are between the "Start" and "End" flowchart terminators. It contains eight phases, which focus on functions that are critical to develop the lifted object trajectory path. Each phase objectives are clearly defined and supported by graphical sketches. Phase 1 (object pick-point optimization) defines single pick-point coordinates from provided pick areas. Phase 2 (crane boom obstruction

analysis) and Phase 3 (crane superlift area identification) concentrate on given crane configurations such as crane boom and the crane wheeled superlift addition, respectively. These two phase outputs are restricted areas of a crane boom movement. Phase 4 (crane simplified trajectory path) is the first phase where the crane simplified trajectory (CST) path is presented. The concept introduced in this phase shows a method of translating complicated spatial crane path movement into simple 2D line arc combination polygons. Phase 5 (elevation definition & validation) shows methods of identifying k elevations, which are present for particular crane configurations, as well as validating critical ones. This phase deals with possible combination elevations for object pick- and set-point and crane set-point. Phase 6 (anchored & floating obstruction areas) concentrates strictly on obstructions analysis where two types of obstruction areas are developed. This phase is in a loop with its successor, Phase 7, modifying the CST path at elevations developed in Phase 5. As mentioned, Phase 7 (elevation trajectory path development) develops CST paths onto separate elevations and modifies them accordingly to recognized obstructions. Either a full or partial trajectory path is stored in the algorithm database for further analysis. When all elevations are analysed, Phase 8 (object trajectory path optimization) vertically connects the developed elevation paths and recognizes a single optimized trajectory from object pick-point to set-point based on user-defined criteria.

The presented phases and their tasks are influenced by criteria that are summarized in Figure 3.22. The criteria start with algorithm development logic, which requires certain operations to be performed prior to others, for example CST path cannot be developed before object pick-point is optimized. Some operations are exempt, (Phase 3 crane superlift area identification) from following this criterion, because a crane may not have a carrier superlift, but it must be clear when and where such exemption is allowed. The vertical order rule criterion refers to identifying working elevations from pick-point, set-point, and crane set-point vertical relations. It uses a rule when one or two working elevations can be developed from a set of three possibilities. This criterion will be presented in detail in Phase 5 (elevation definition and validation) analysis. The selection and elimination logic criterion is heavily used in three separate phases (2, 3 and 4) for selecting and eliminating obstruction shapes from areas defined by various radiuses. Either obstruction offsets or original shape data are treated and ruled by this criterion. As in the previous criterion, an area calculation and clipping rule is used on several occasions in the algorithm set-up. It starts operation in Phase 3 and finishes in Phase 6, where subtraction, union, or intersection operations are performed. It consists of a short

algorithm that is implemented at any time of need. The min-max algorithm criterion sets the rule for developed elevations and organizes them in the min-max sequence. The least weight optimization method is the default rule used in Phase 8, where the object trajectory path optimization operation is performed. If the user does not specify a different method of optimizing the developed path, this criterion is applied to show the least weight path from pick-point to set-point. The preceding criteria are either short algorithms supporting a specific task in separate phases or predefined knowledge-based rules. They may apply to different phases for several operational tasks.

The output section in the Figure 3.22 flowchart contains four boxes, where each output is defined. Inter-phase parameter is collecting information related to each phase. Each phase is output must clearly be defined and stored (see Appendix A-01). The algorithm flow addresses major components, which play a significant role in judging the next step. Developed output is stored temporarily in the algorithm database for down-the-road operation. Phase 1 stores pick point coordinate values. Phase 2 tasks analyze and store restricted crane boom regions (CSR). Cranes that are equipped with wheeled superlift parts are directed for analysis to Phase 3 for restricted area crane wheeled superlift region (CSR). Phase 4 final tasks store crane simplified trajectory path to develop a crane elevation plane. Phase 5 analyzes either one or two stored elevation planes, depending on the vertical trajectory order rule, and deposits elevation planes associated with recognized obstruction heights. Phase 6 also has two separate output parts: one connected to modify CST paths and a second to identify anchored or floating obstruction offsets areas. Stored obstructions offset areas reflect analysis at each recognized elevation in two horizontal directions, A (outside modified CST path) and B (inside modified CST path). Phase 7 modifies stored CST paths by recognized obstruction offsets and also predecessor phase output record un-modified paths into A and B directions. Phase 8 stores one intermediate result of concatenated partials and optimized trajectory final path. The output sections' data used to create animation and simulation is also stored in the separate boxes that may be used for visualization purposes.

Phase 1:-Object Pick-Point Optimization: The objective is to identify object's pick-point coordinates from available input pick area region(s). To meet objective requirements there are three different methods of selection available to the user: (1) area centroid method, (2) area boundary point shortest radius method, and (3) area boundary point shortest angle method. The phase input box includes all parameters required to evaluate

the main operation process to meet defined objectives. It contains crane data, such as R_{min} value, and the crane set-point position. It also includes object set-point coordinates and selected areas where the lifted object will be delivered. Phase criteria define algorithm rule logic where Method A is predefined as the default method for object pick-point selection. The phase output delivers the chosen pick-point coordinate position. Figure 3.23 shows Phase 1 flowchart with input, output, and criteria boxes.

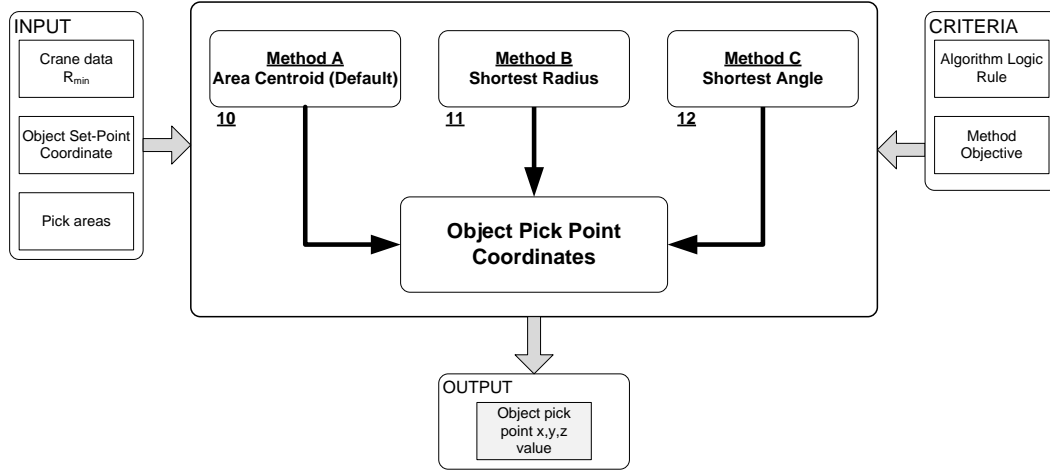


Figure 3.23 Object pick-point selection flowchart (Ph-1).

Each method will be discussed separately. Default Method A evaluates centroid of the analyzed area. The centroid of an area is similar to the geometric center (GC) of a body. To calculate the centroid only, the geometric shape of an area is involved. Integration formulas for calculating the centroid are as follows:

$$c_x = \frac{\int x dA}{A} \quad c_y = \frac{\int y dA}{A} \quad A = \int x dx \quad (3.36)$$

Figure 3.24 shows graphical interpretation (10) of the centroid calculation method. It is referenced from the flowchart (bottom left corner) with number 10 representing the analyzed task.

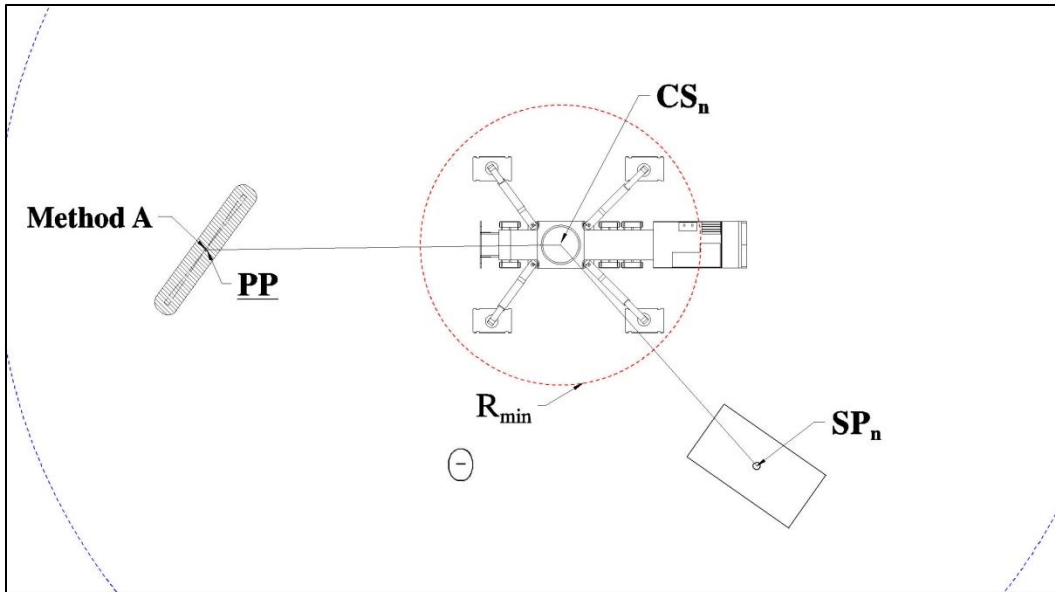


Figure 3.24 Method A - centroid area (10).

Method B of object pick-point analysis uses the shortest radius technique. It finds the closest point of a particular area to the crane set-point coordinates. Figure 3.25 shows a graphical interpretation (11) of the object pick-point shortest radius selection technique. The tangent arc (A_3) to the input area defines the intersection point (PP), which is stored in the database as the lifted object pick-point.

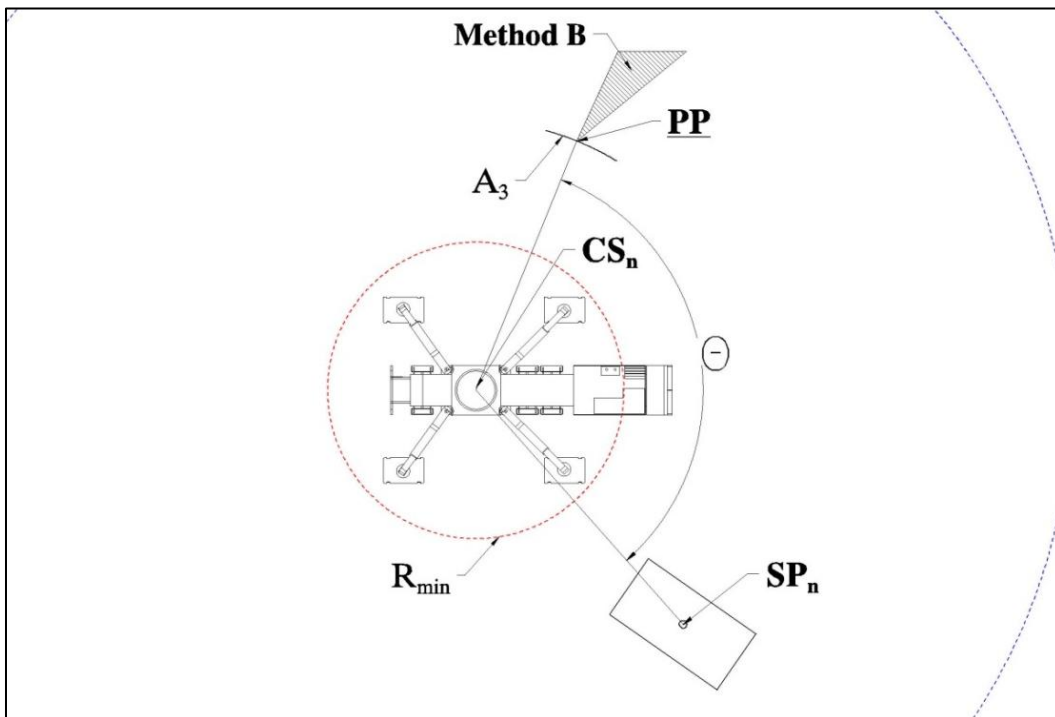


Figure 3.25 Method B - shortest radius (11).

Method C of the object pick-point analysis finds the shortest radius of the evaluated pick area to the object set-point coordinates. Figure 3.26 shows a graphical interpretation (12) of the shortest angle object pick-point method.

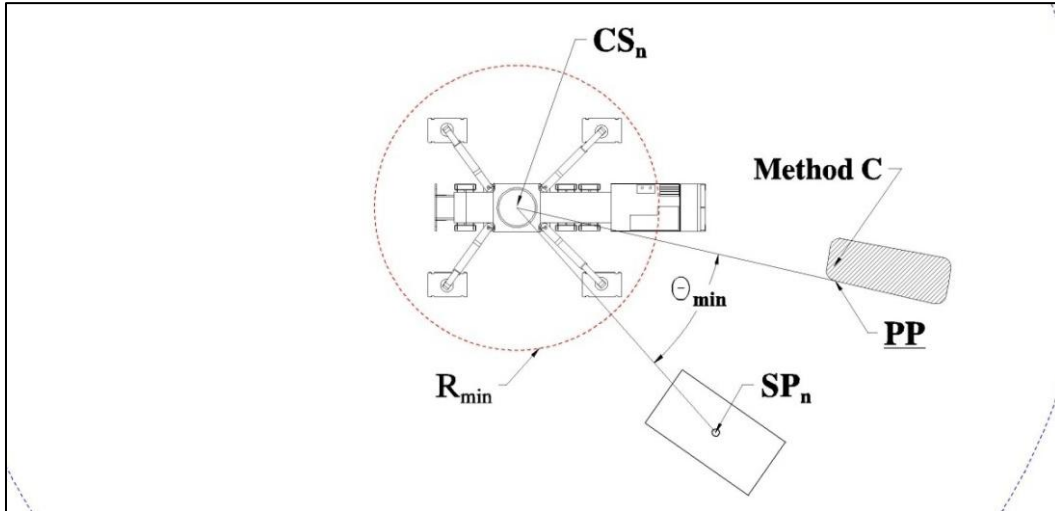


Figure 3.24 Method C - shortest angle (12).

The shortest angle from the input area to object set-point (SP) is defined by the area tangent line created from the crane center of rotation point (CS). In Figure 3.26, θ_{min} angle is the shortest angle between the developed lines. However, the default method for the algorithm to select pick-point coordinates will be the centroid Method A. The user does have the option of selecting one of the other methods, however.

Phase 2:-Crane Boom Obstruction Region Analysis CRB): The objective is to develop a restricted crane boom region between R_{min} and R_{max} boundary radiuses of the particular crane configuration at the crane elevation plane. Figure 3.27 shows tasks involved in the analysis of the Phase 2 crane algorithm. The input box includes data related to the crane, such as boom offsets radiuses and set-point coordinates. Data of obstruction objects residing in the area defined by the crane configuration maximum radius must be available in this phase. The main process operation task starts with the creation of the crane boom maximum operation area, which is defined by the boom reach radius distance at 360° rotation and identified obstructions within that area. The second task calculates the identified obstruction's maximum radius (R_H). Next the decision diamond checks the calculated radius for its position in relation to crane R_{min} distance. If calculated R_H radius is smaller than the crane R_{min} value, the entire section between R_{min} and R_{max} , controlled by the obstruction shape offset, is eliminated. In case the calculated R_H radius is larger

than the crane R_{\min} but smaller than the R_{\max} value, the crane boom obstruction conflict region (CBR) is introduced. Such a recognized conflict area is stored in the database and the next obstruction start is analyzed (internal loop function). Once all obstructions are evaluated, those with a potential conflict area are separated, and critical restriction areas are unionized. The final output of this phase is stored in the database under the description CBR for utilization later in the algorithm.

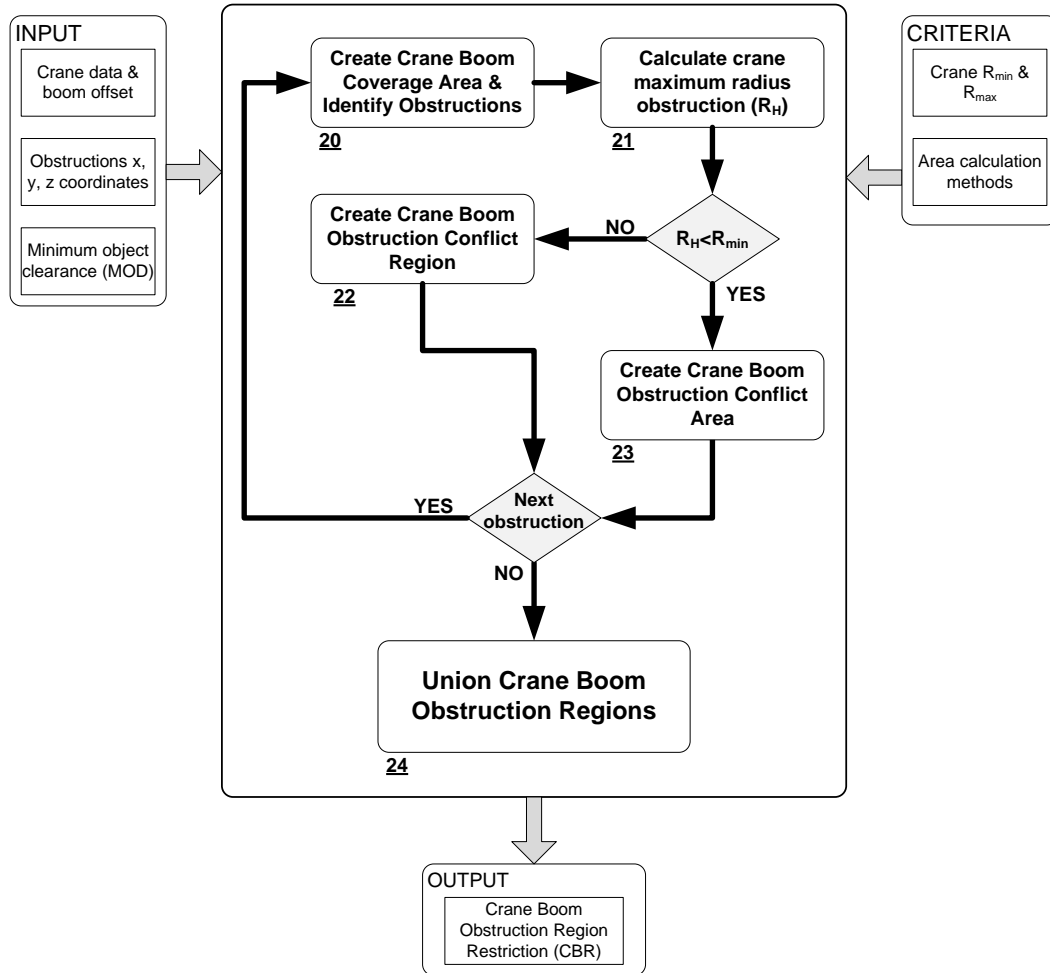


Figure 3.27 Crane boom obstruction region development flowchart (Ph-2).

Figure 3.28 shows the final results of the Phase 2 algorithm. Restricted areas are clearly identified and results stored in the database. But to get to the final task, a few small steps must be executed. First, the crane boom coverage area is designed (see Figure 3.29). The area is extended beyond the crane R_{\max} distance for the value (B'), calculated in equation 3.37, to cover the boom additional attachment extension. Figure 3.29 presents steps assigned and executed in the first task. The elevation view explains the rationality behind the B' offset value. The covered area for the obstruction check must be offset by B'

outside the R_{\max} circle. That additional distance creates a safety buffer around the boom perimeter where potential obstructions can be detected and marked for analysis.

$$B' = \frac{B}{2} + MOD \quad (3.37)$$

Where:

B - Boom width dimension
 MOD - Minimum object distance

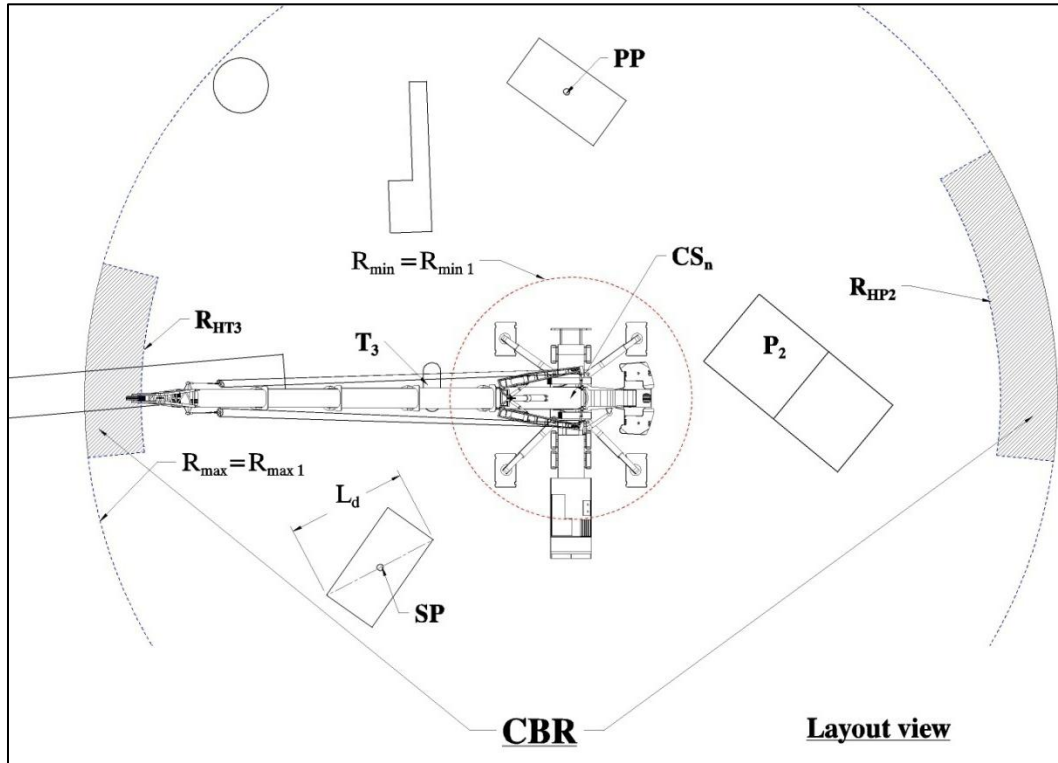


Figure 3.28 Crane boom restricted region development (24).

When all obstructions are recognized in the entire 360° region, their identity is recognized and maximum elevation values are retrieved for analysis. Crane elevation is the base elevation to analyze crane boom obstruction conflicts. R_{\max} radius represents the crane configuration's maximum boom distance that can carry an assigned load and should not exceed 85% capacity due to discrepancies in object weight measurements. This information is collected and stored in the database from the crane manufacturer lift table (see Appendix A-14).

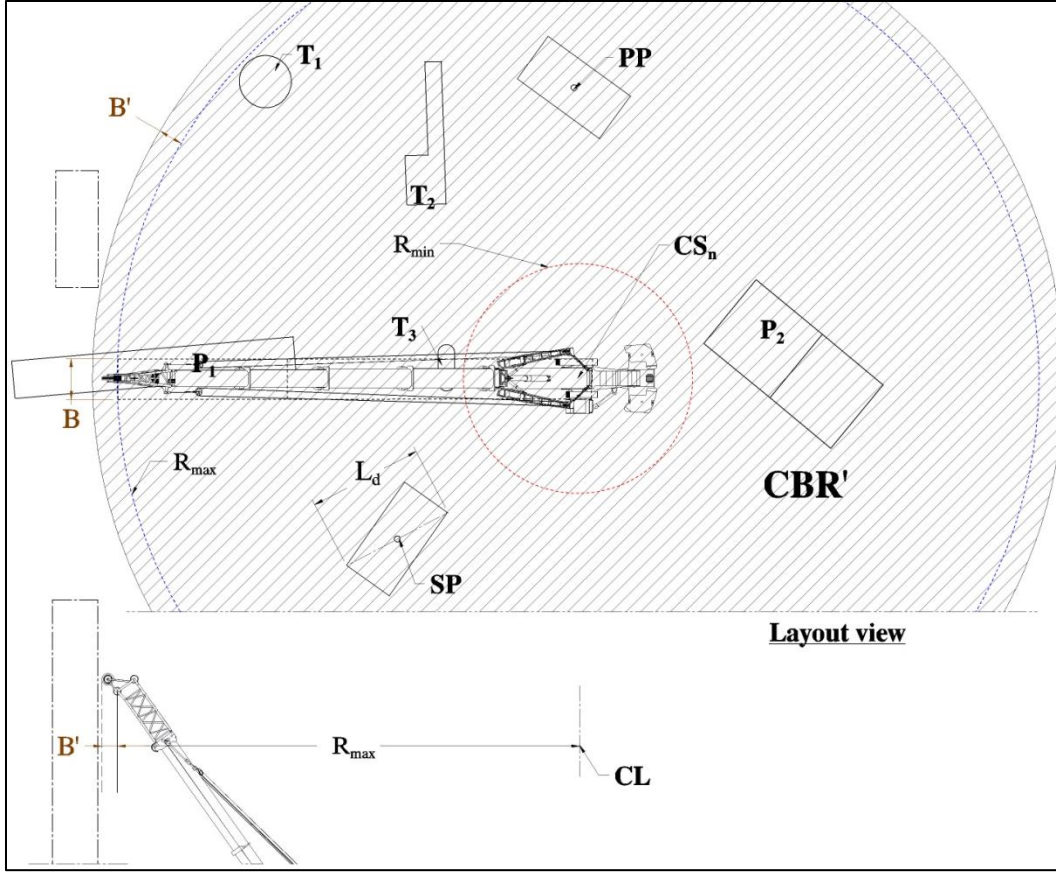


Figure 3.29 Region CBR' and obstructions (20).

The created area CBR' is checked for all obstructions. Each obstruction is analyzed separately by creating an internally developed obstruction loop. In the case of absence of obstructions in the analyzed area the algorithm flow is rerouted to a different path inside the task block and does not follow the route when obstructions are present. Such logic increases mathematical operations efficiency and significantly reduces the algorithm's operation process time. When an obstruction is recognized, it is checked for potential crane boom conflict. Figure 3.30 shows obstruction T_3 crane boom envelope conflict. The obstruction T_3 is height dimension limits the crane boom tip point inside the CBR' area circle boundary. In that instance a maximum obstruction crane boom radius R_{HT3} is created. On the opposite side the arc radius R_{HP2} represents limited reach due to obstruction P_2 's height. Obstruction P_2 contains two different elevation heights and the tallest part is in conflict with the crane boom envelope.

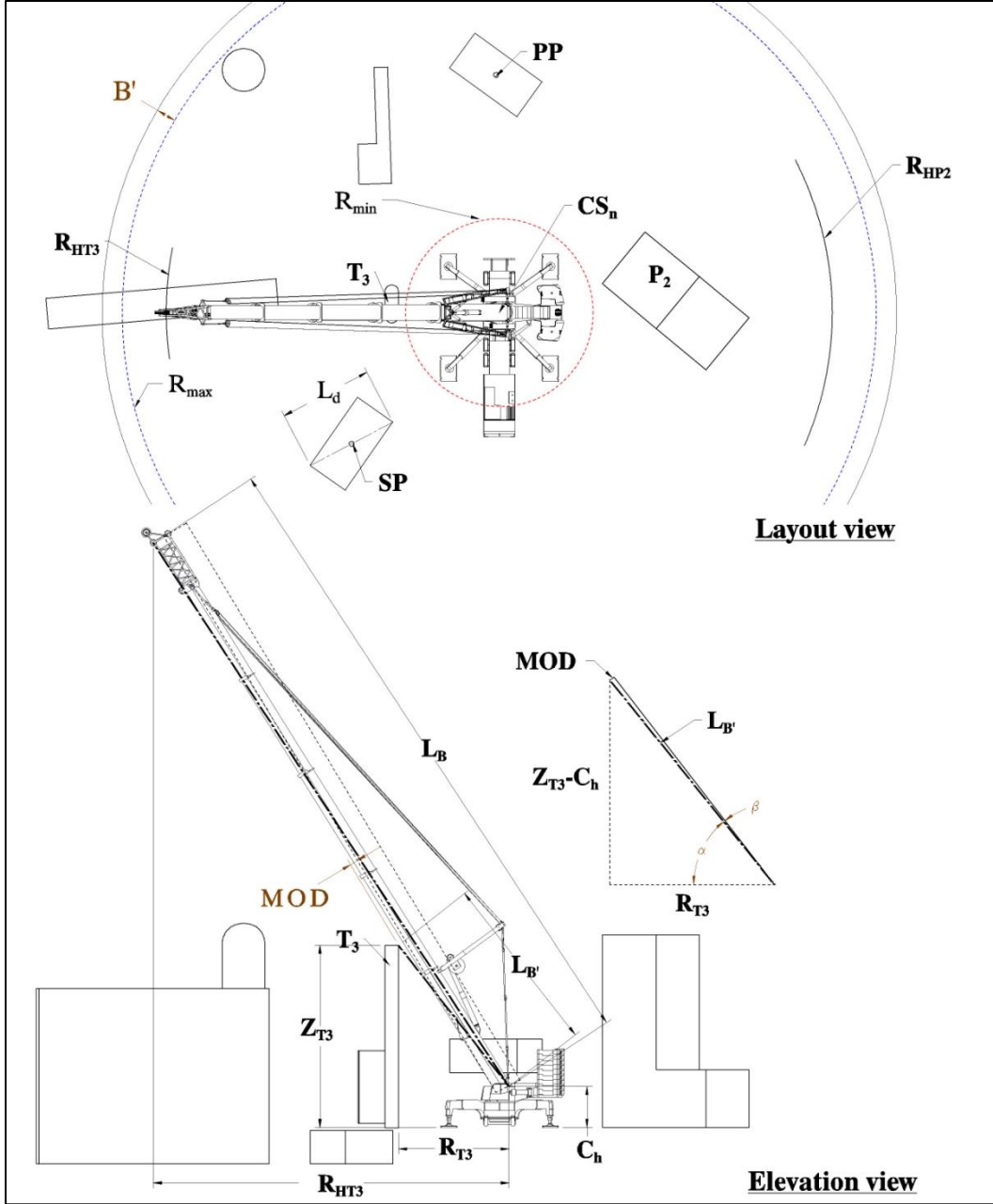


Figure 3.30 Maximum obstruction crane boom radius calculation (21).

Maximum obstruction crane boom radius R_{HT3} is calculated satisfying equation 3.38:

$$R_{HT3} = L_B \cos \alpha + \beta \quad (3.38)$$

Where:

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{Z_{T3} - C_h}{R_{T3}}$$

$$\beta = \sin^{-1} \frac{MOD}{L_{B'}}$$

$$L_{B'} = \sqrt{Z_{T3} - C_h^2 + R_{T3}^2}$$

Z_{T3} - Obstruction vertical coordinate

R_{T3} - Obstruction radius to crane center of rotation

C_h - Boom rotation point offset distance

L_B - Boom length

MOD - Minimum object distance

The next task evaluates the obstruction layout boundary. Figure 3.31 shows an obstruction offset area and tangent line creation. Analyzed obstruction shapes are offset by B' value distance to create safety buffer for crane boom operation.

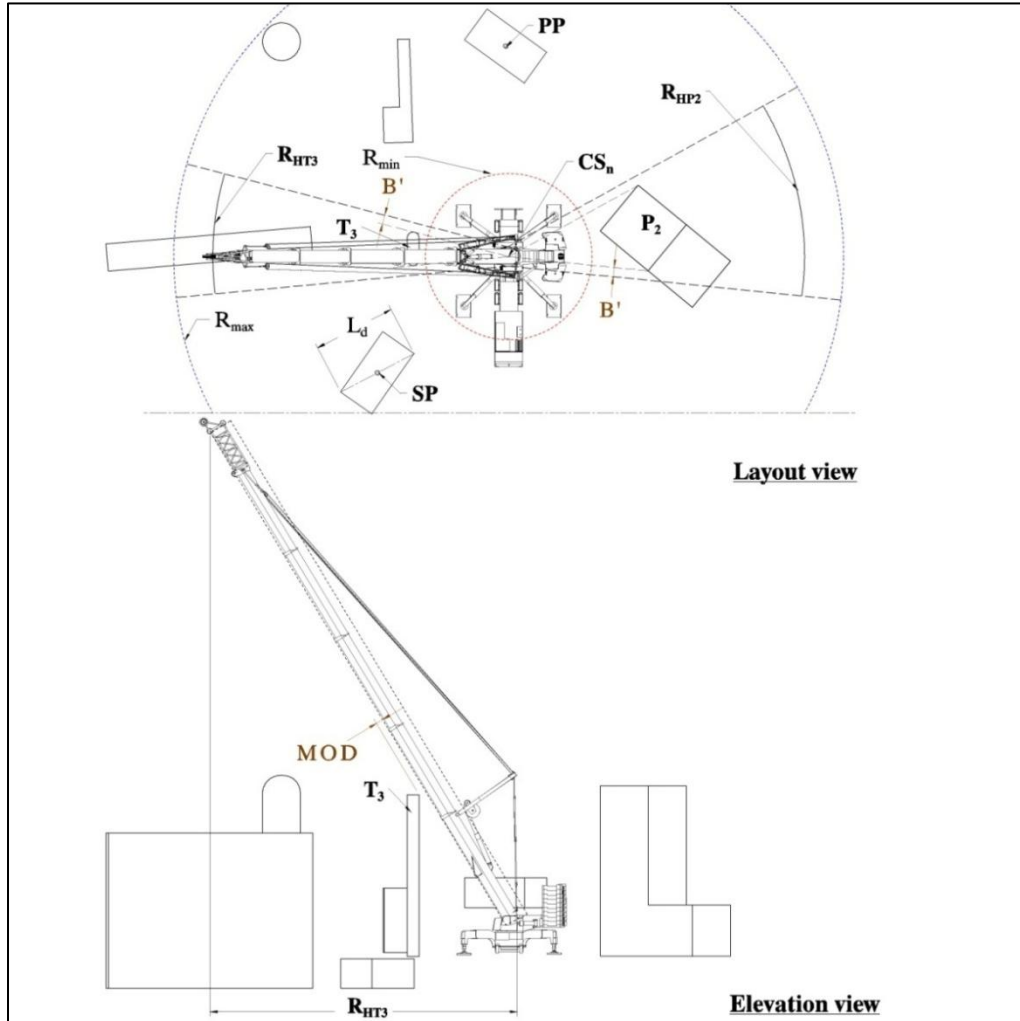


Figure 3.31 Obstruction tangents and offset lines (22).

From the crane CS point two tangent lines are created to an already recognized obstruction offset. Offset boundary B' value is calculated in equation 3.37. Depending on the obstruction shape, created lines are either tangent-to-curve or normal-to-tangent point. From the offset tangent points (see Figure 3.31), tangent lines are extended to the R_{max} circle boundary. The created area between R_{max} circle, R_{HT3} arc, and tangent lines identifies the restricted CBR area for a particular obstruction. Figure 3.32 shows a special case when $R_{Hn} < R_{min}$ and the proposed solution.

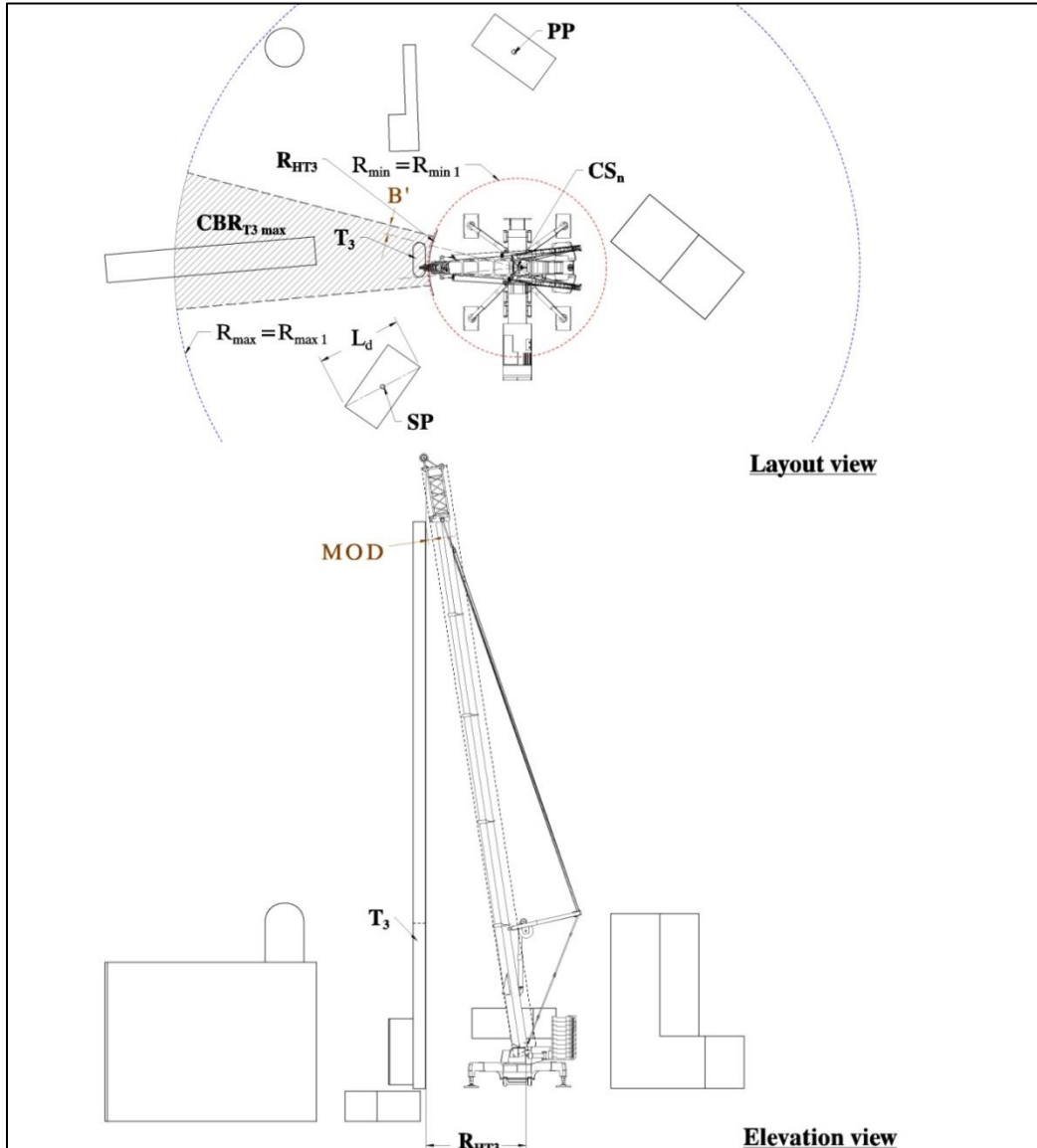


Figure 3.32 Crane boom obstruction critical position (23).

At the construction site, a specific situation may take place when the obstruction height position boom tip projection line is beyond the R_{min} radius value. In that situation tangent

lines are extended in both directions from the tangent points to meet R_{\max} and R_{\min} circles. The created restricted area takes a pie shape and eliminates any crane boom movement on this section between object pick-point and set-point.

There could be several smaller or larger CBR_n areas located around the perimeter of the positioned crane, but all must be analyzed individually and then stored. Figure 3.28 shows the union of two separate crane boom region areas. The joint area is called crane boom region (CBR) and stored for further analysis.

Phase 3:-Crane Superlift Region Development (CSR): The objective is to develop a restricted crane superlift area(s) for a crane with a wheeled superlift attachment. Figure 3.33 shows the phase flowchart.

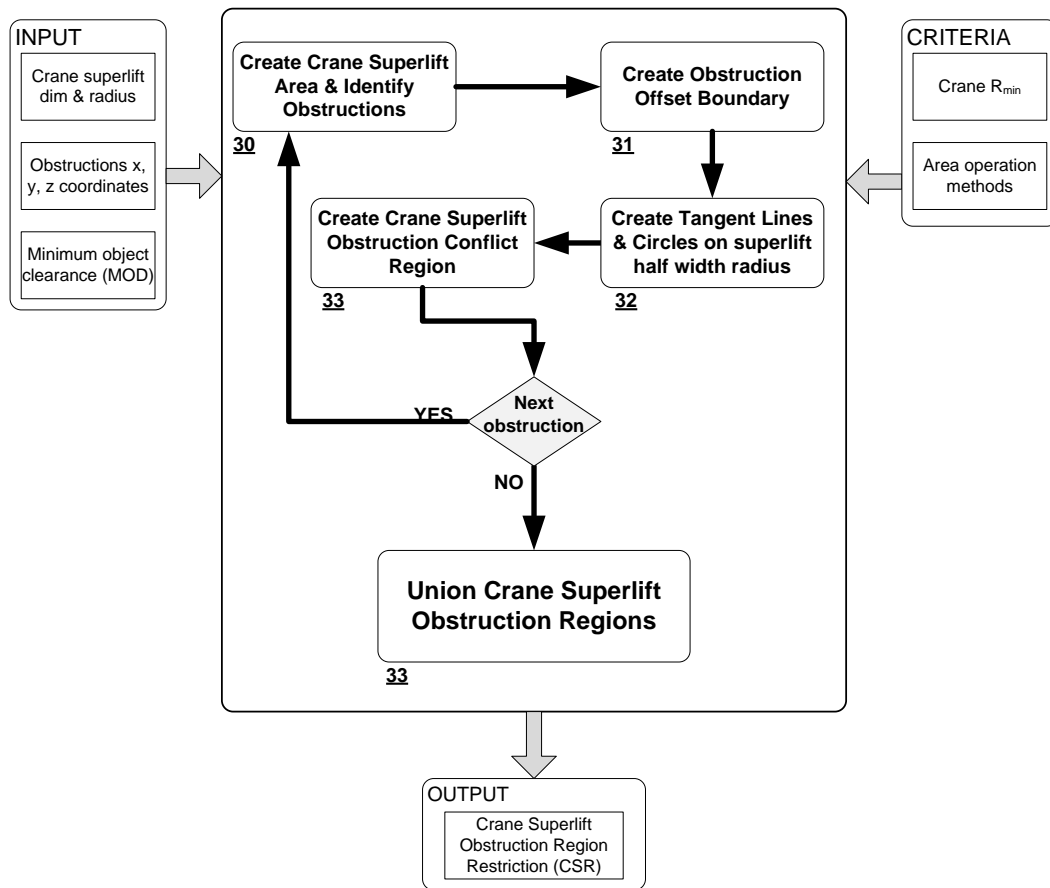


Figure 3.33 Crane superlift region development flowchart (Ph-3).

The phase flowchart follows the standard set-up arrangement with input, main process, criteria and output sections. The input section refers to the crane superlift dimensions, obstruction coordinates, and user defined clearances. The criteria section concentrates on

area operation methods and crane minimum radius values. A main process guides the phase's tasks from developing an area and finding obstructions, through analyzing and avoiding conflict. The CSR analysis phase is reserved only for a crane configuration with wheeled superlift attachment. The wheeled superlift section is attached to the crane carrier structure behind the counterweight section. Some all-terrain mobile crane superlift segments have two section masts attached to the main boom. Both types, either on the ground or boom attachment, increase crane lift capacity. Because only the wheeled type superlift may be in conflict with ground obstructions, that category will be the subject for analysis in this phase. The elevation analysis will be the crane body elevation. The final result of the CSR development phase can be seen on Figure 3.34

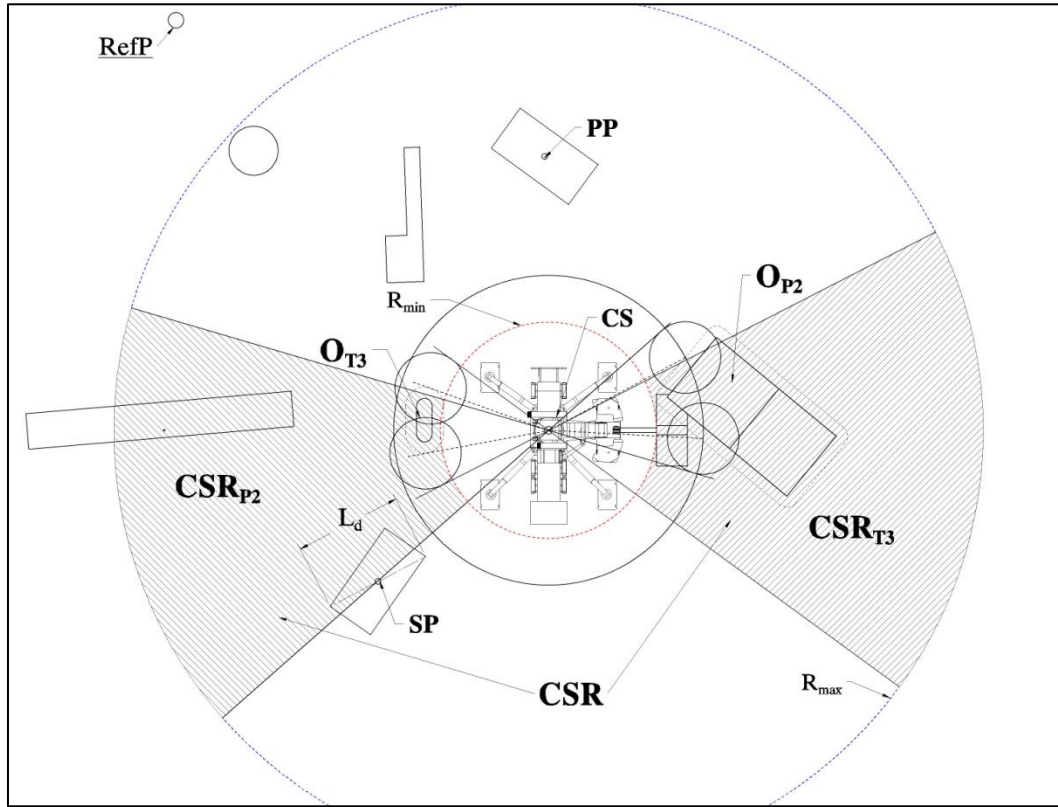


Figure 3.34 Crane superlift restriction area developments (33).

Two separate pie regions, CSR_{P2} and CSR_{T3} (hatched sections), are recognized and joined in one CSR region for further analysis. To get the results presented in Figure 3.34 first the wheeled superlift maximum radius is identified and the circle is offset by MOD value, creating a new CSR' region presented in a Figure 3.35. Implementing MOD offset to the crane superlift radius at this point simplifies the mathematical clearance calculation. The

created area between the crane's R_{min} circle and wheeled superlift maximum radius offset is checked for intersecting obstructions. Figure 3.35 displays identified the wheeled crane superlift region CSR' and two interfering obstructions: T_3 and P_2 .

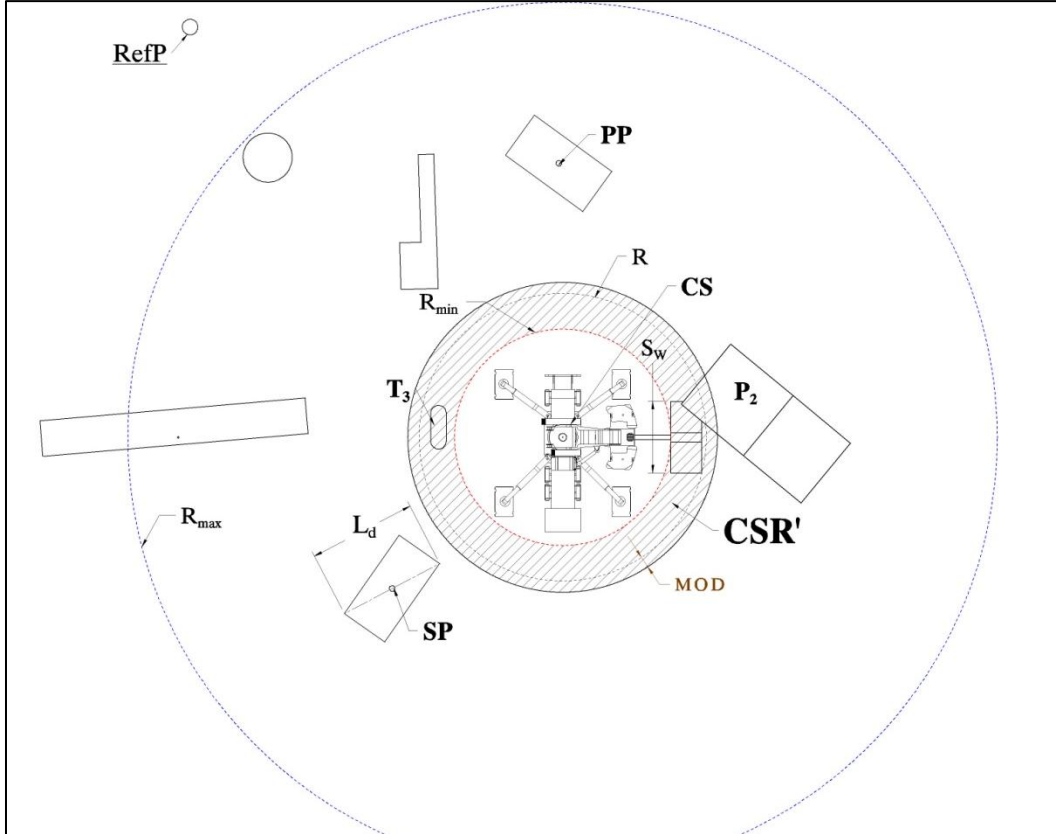


Figure 3.35 Crane carrier superlift area CSR' (30).

Identified obstructions may be entirely encompassed by the created area (T_3) or have a partial intersection zone (P_2). Regardless of obstruction intersection percentage, the next task offsets the obstructions' envelope boundary by the minimum clearance value (MOD). This operation immediately creates buffer zones around obstructions. Figure 3.36 shows the offset areas for intersected obstructions. After the obstruction offset is created, tangent lines are created between obstruction offsets' intersection points and center of crane rotation point (CS). Figure 3.37 explains tangent development operations. For obstruction T_3 the tangent-to-curve method is applied, and for obstruction P_2 a normal-to-tangent point is created. Calculated tangent points are the circle centers, where radius distance reflects half of the wheeled superlift carrier width (S_w). Two intersection

points between the created circles' perimeters and CSR' boundary are calculated. Only external intersections are issued in the analysis.

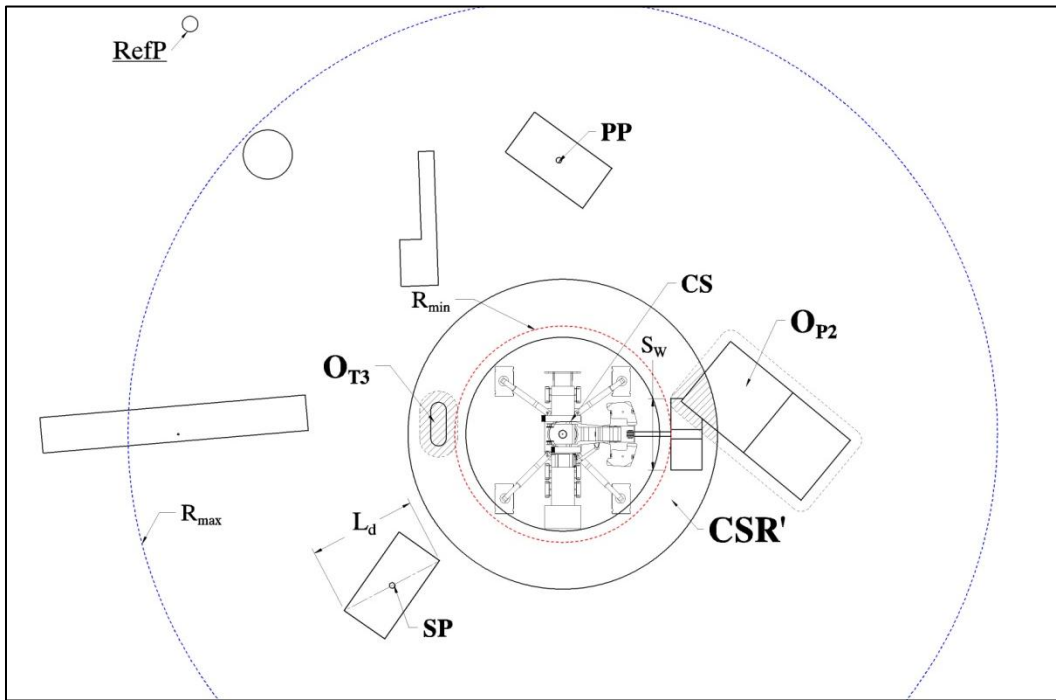


Figure 3.36 Obstruction offset boundary development (31).

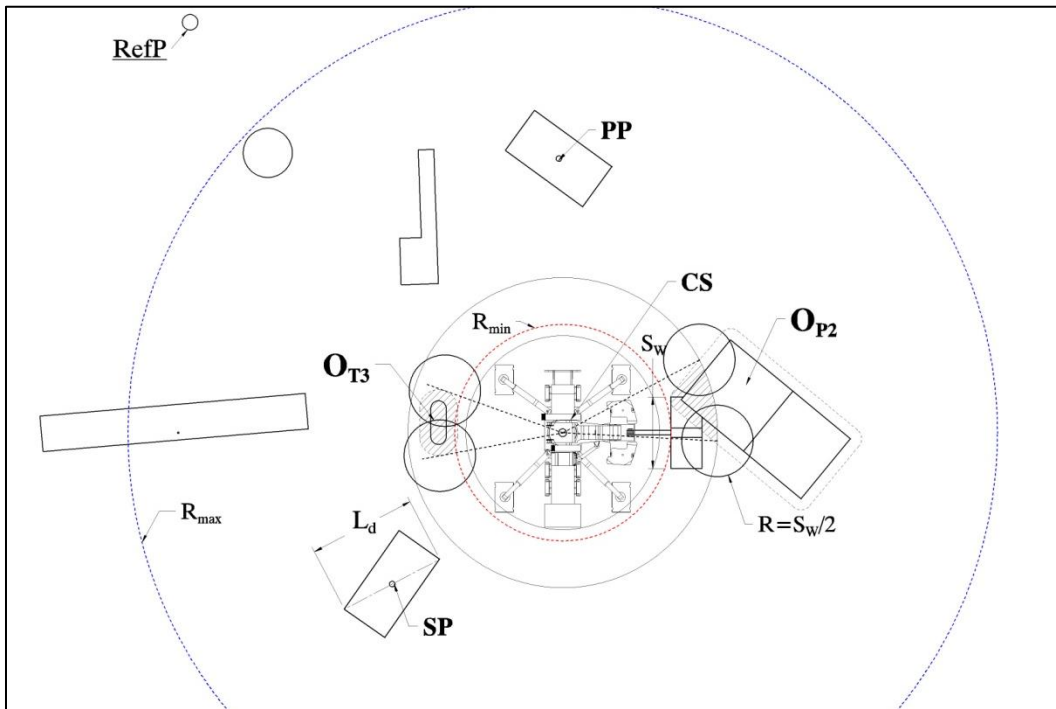


Figure 3.37 Tangent lines and circles development (32).

External intersections points together with the crane set (CS) point create boundary lines. These lines are extended to the opposite side of CS point (see Figure 3.34), with R_{\max} - R_{\min} circles creating a new region. This area is a restricted region where the crane cannot operate. Figure 3.34 shows the CSR restricted area. It contains areas marked CSR_{P_2} and CSR_{T_3} , which reflect zones defined by the respective obstructions.

Phase 4:-Object Crane Simplified Trajectory (CST) Path: The objective is to develop a crane simplified trajectory path (CST) for the lifted object. During lift operation the object's longest side (when object is rectangular) is constantly perpendicular to the crane boom plane. Also, the CST path is the shortest path between the pick-point and set-point. Figure 3.38 shows the phase algorithm flowchart.

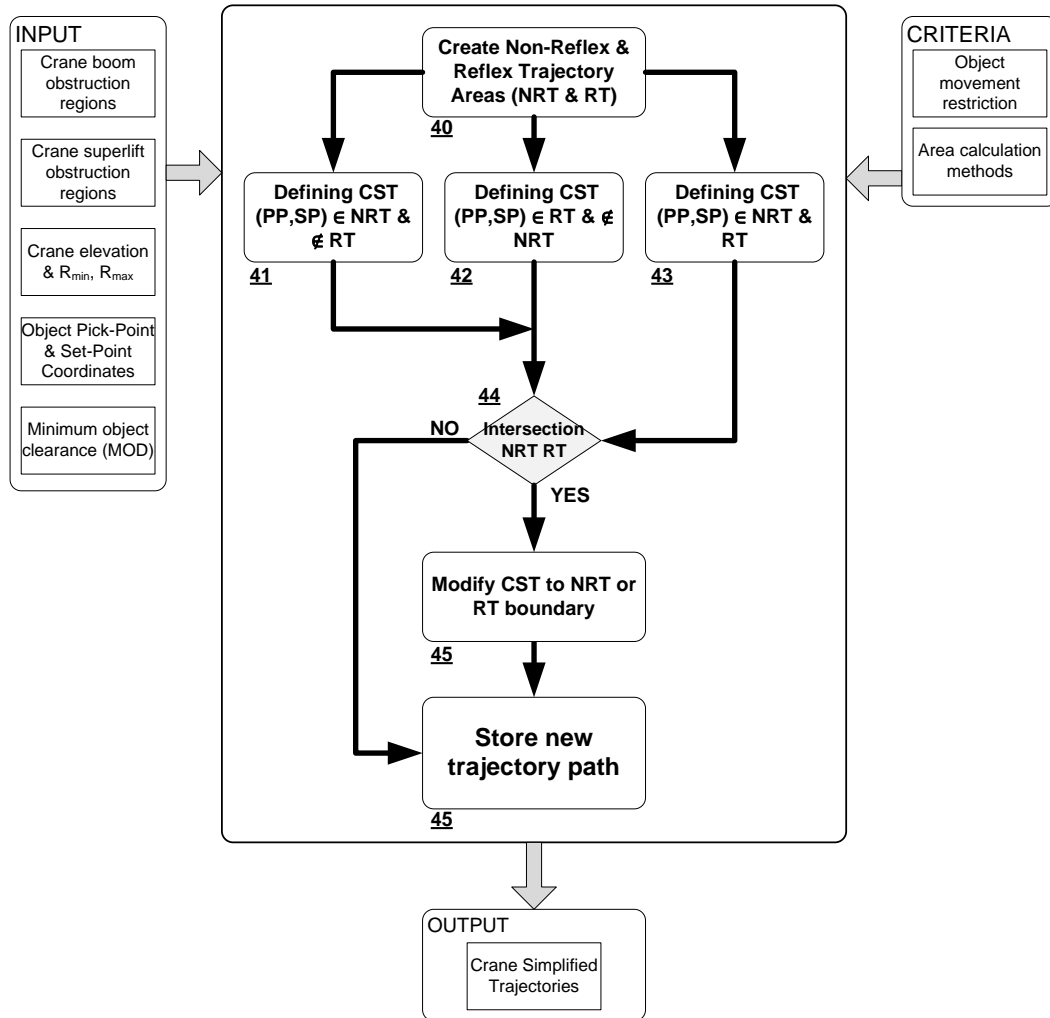


Figure 3.38 Object crane simplified trajectory (CST) path flowchart (Ph-4).

The input section covers crane elevation coordinates, crane R_{min} and R_{max} radiuses, and parameters already developed at the previous phases, like the CBR and CSR areas. It requires an object's pick-point and set-point as well as minimum object distance (MOD). Criteria refer only to object movement restrictions such as object position during the lifting operation and area calculation method. The main process's first task recognizes possible solutions based on crane boom region (CBR) and crane superlift region (CSR), if the superlift configuration is present. It analyzes region uniformity at the crane elevation of a full 360° angle. A positive result may exist either at a non-reflex or reflex angle between object pick-point (PP) and object set-point (SP). Figure 3.39 shows an example of such area analysis.

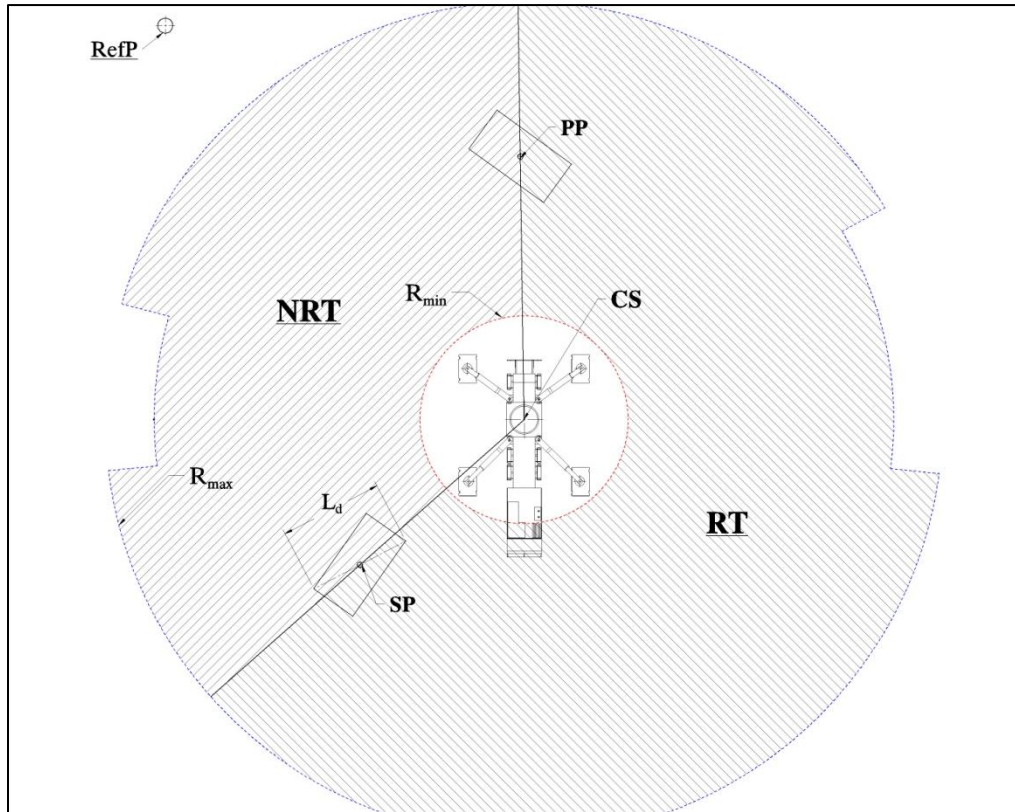


Figure 3.39 Non-reflex and reflex angle trajectory area development (40).

Non-reflex trajectory area (NRT) and reflex trajectory area (RT) are developed by subtracting crane boom region (CBR) and crane wheeled superlift region (CSR) from R_{min} - R_{max} . The area is then divided by two lines starting from the common crane set-point (CS) at object pick-point and set-point. From the input data rule, it is defined that the analyzed crane configuration set-up must have at least one solution, i.e. one polygon area that contains both object pick-point (PP) and object set-point (SP). Following this input

data rule one or two out of three different options may occur. Figure 3.40 shows the first possible solution for the CST path development in the non-reflex angle area. Because PP has a larger radial displacement than SP from the CS center, the first path portion is a straight line from PP point towards CS center to match the SP radial dimension.

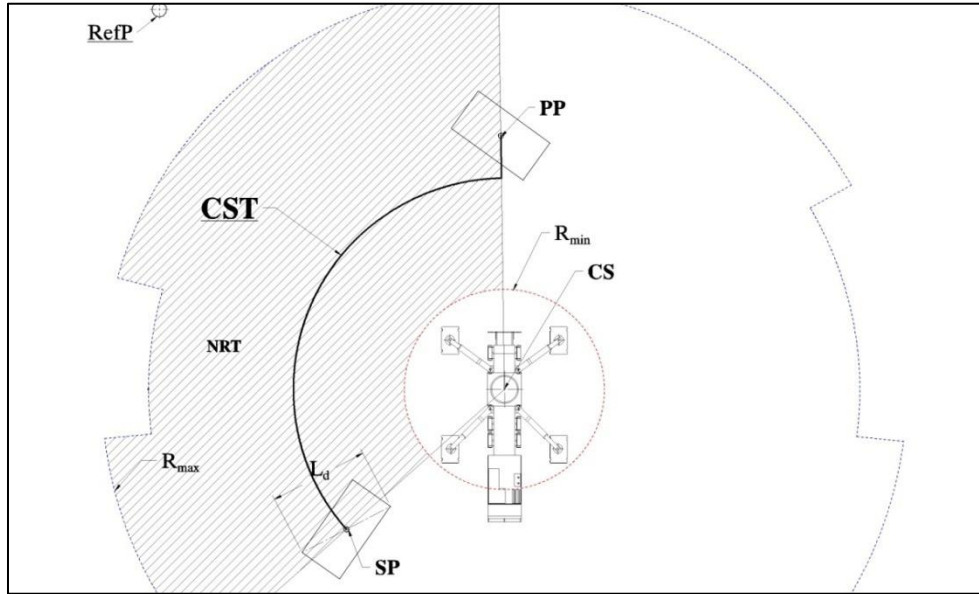


Figure 3.40 CST path development in NRT area (41).

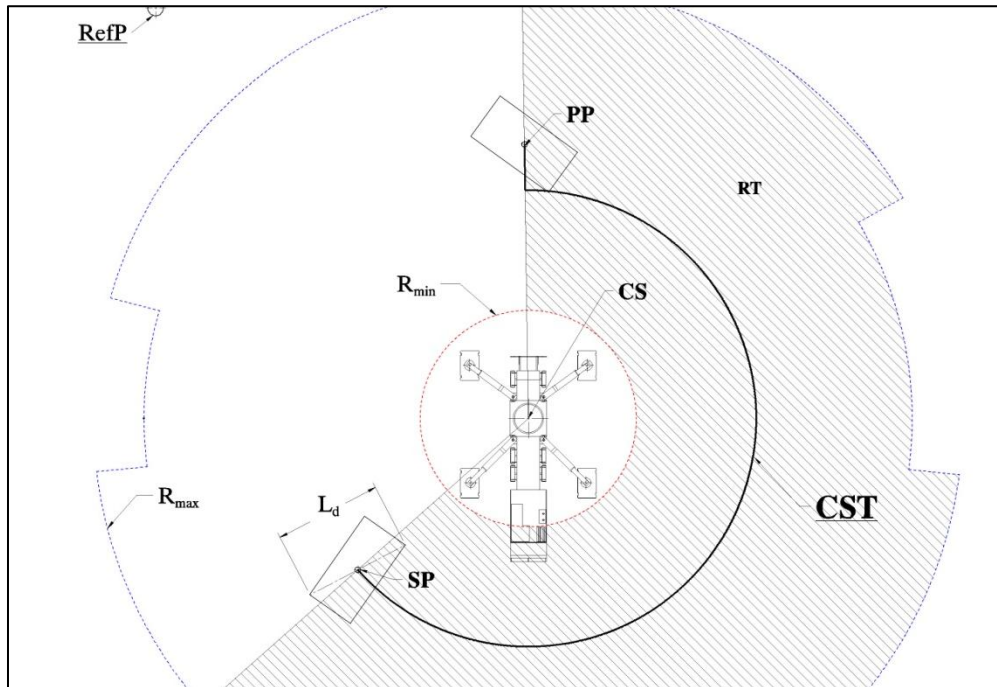


Figure 3.41 CST path development in RT area (42).

Once this is complete the arc, with center CS, connects and creates the end line with the object SP (follow Figure 3.40). Figure 3.41 shows a second possible solution to CST path development in the reflex angle quadrant. This scenario requires similar steps as CST path development in non-reflex angle area; the RT area is complementary to NRT area and corresponding CST arcs are complementary as well. These two scenarios cover situations where either area has a PP-SP connection (residing in the same polygon). The third alternative may occur when both sides are valid for analysis. Figure 3.42 shows development of two trajectory paths at the same time.

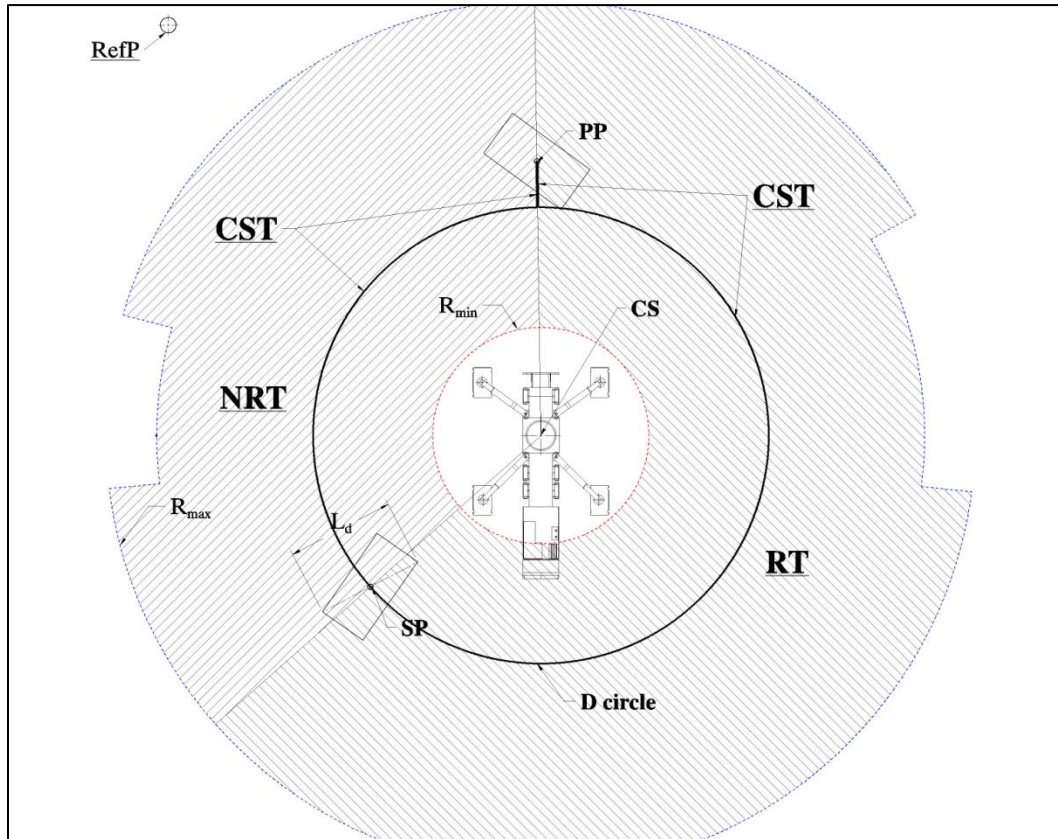


Figure 3.42 D circle path development (43).

The task for this alternative involves both NRT and RT available areas. It evaluates PP and SP for their closest distance to CS center, then creates D circle based on closest point radial displacement. The furthest point creates a radial line, which ends at intersection with D circle and divides D circle into two separate arcs, reflecting portions paths for non-reflex and reflex sections. Thus concludes the simultaneous development of CST paths in NRT and RT areas. The next task analyzes CST paths for their interference with NRT or RT boundaries. This action identifies already developed paths that must be

modified to reflect maximum allowance for the crane boom tip movement. Figure 3.43 displays a scenario where the NRT boundary intersects with a CST path, and Figure 3.44 displays the modified path.

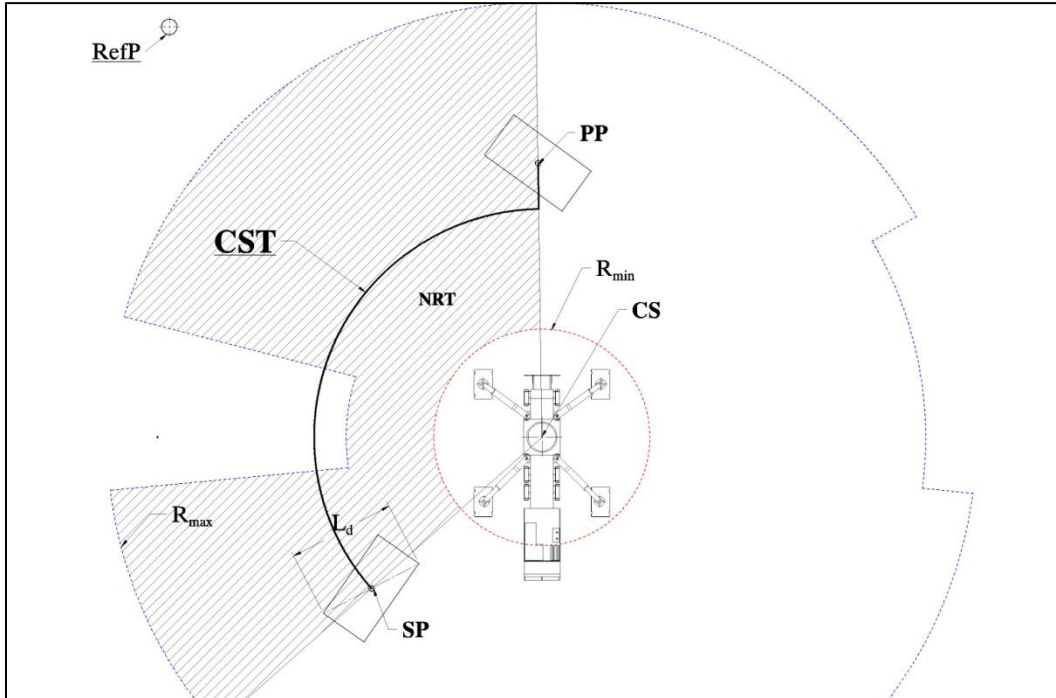


Figure 3.43 Intersection NRT boundary with CST path (44).

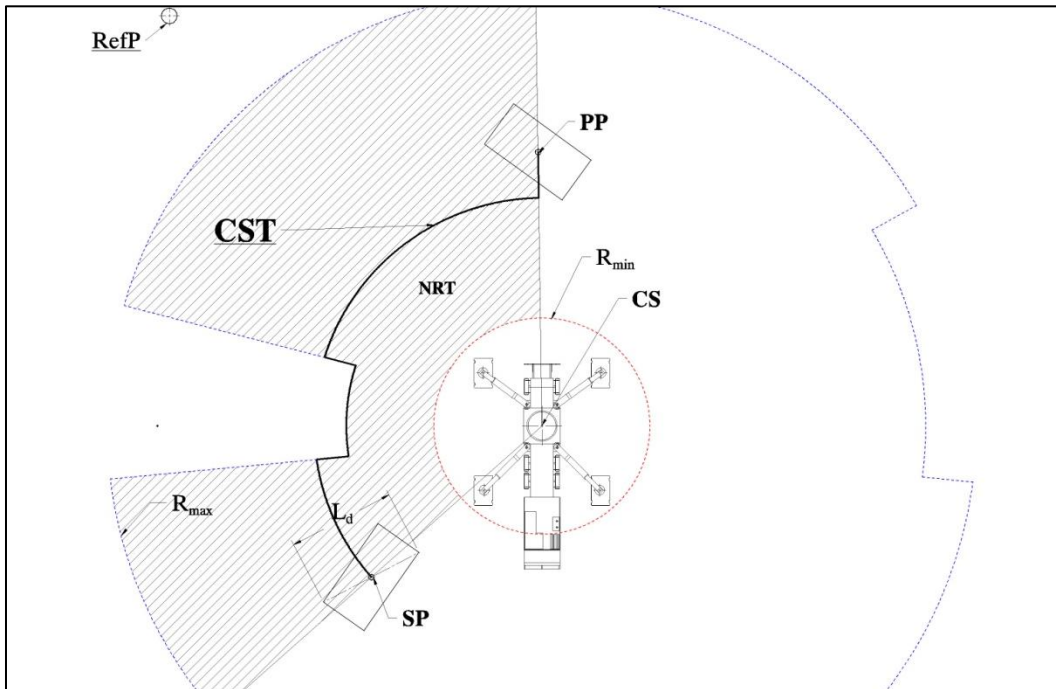


Figure 3.44 Modified CST path (45).

In such a situation the original CST path is cut at the point of intersection and instead follows boundary limit until interconnects with the original part direction. Developed and modified object trajectory paths are stored in the database for further analysis.

Phase 5:-Elevation Definition & Validation: The objectives are to validate vertical order (VO) elevation creation for crane set-point, object pick-point and set-point, as well as develop obstruction elevation analysis planes. Figure 3.45 shows a detailed phase flowchart. The input section includes crane boom tip elevation, crane rigging dimensions, obstructions elevations, and object pick-point and set-point elevations.

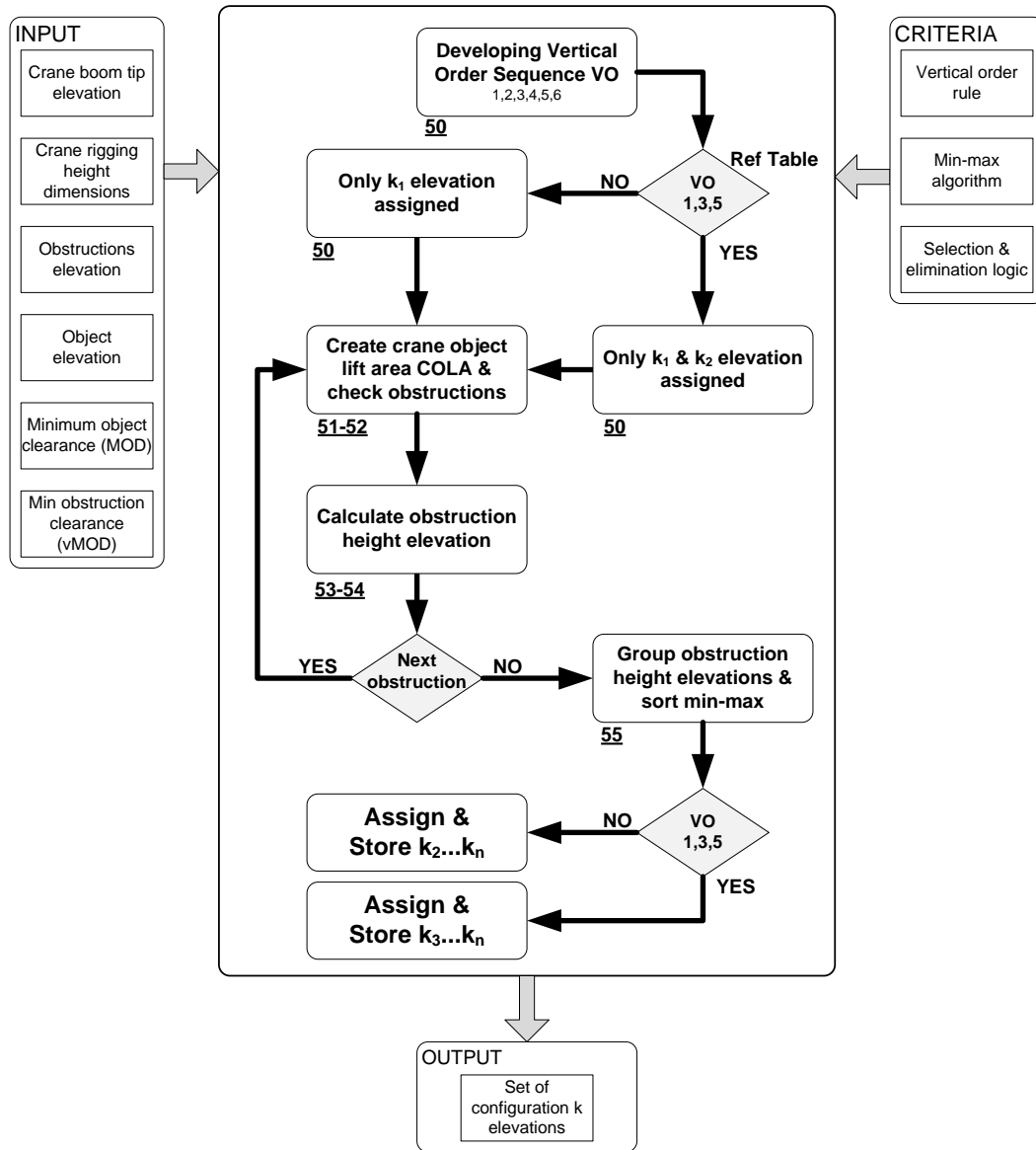


Figure 3.45 Elevation definition and validation flowchart (Ph-5).

The input box also contains default data for minimum object clearance (MOD) and minimum obstruction clearance (vMOD) that may differ from each other. The main operation process starts from developing the vertical order (VO) sequence for crane set-point and object pick-point and set-point. Six different configurations are predefined, where odd configuration numbers produce two elevations and even configuration numbers produce only one elevation. The next tasks create an area for identifying intersecting obstructions and then calculate obstruction height elevation. Grouping and sorting developed elevations are the tasks concluding the phase operation. Figure 3.46 shows the final output of the phase where only working elevations are recognized for further analysis.

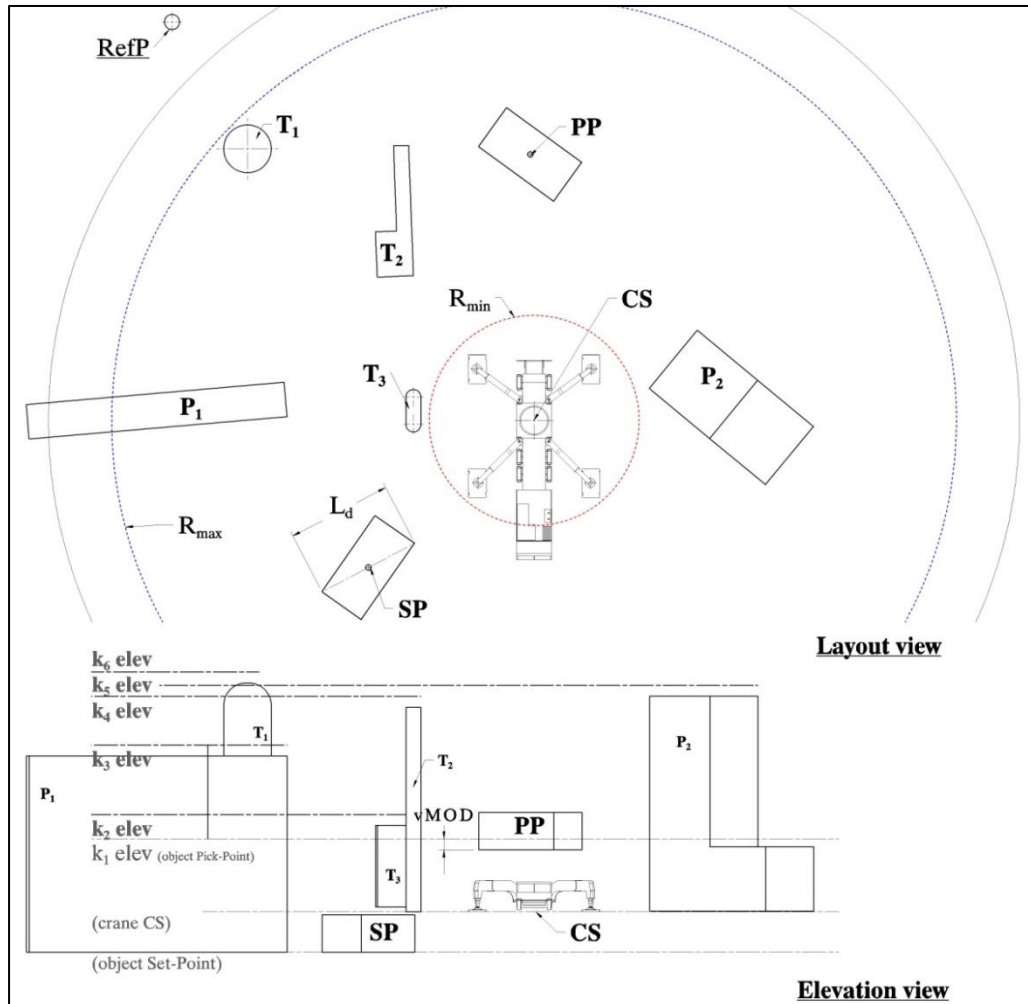


Figure 3.46 Crane configuration object trajectory elevations (55).

Either one or two created non-obstructed working elevations are based on developed trajectory vertical order (VO) rule. Table 3.2 shows the vertical order configuration set

up. In VO development strategy, only three elevations are involved: crane set-point (*CS*), lifted object pick-point (*PP*), and set-point (*SP*). These three elevations may have six different positions related to each other. Presented logic includes situations where the lift operation *SP* has a lower position than the *PP*. In this situation the lift must have a vertical up-motion from the *PP* so creation of the *SP* elevation is obsolete. An example of such situation is the VO 2 configuration that creates k_1 elevation at the *PP*. A setup rule forces the algorithm to add only the set point elevation.

Table 3.2 Trajectory vertical order.

Elevation	Sym	Vertical Order (VO)					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
CP (crane Set-Point)	C	x	y	z	x	y	z
SP (object Set-Point)	S	y	z	x	z	x	y
PP (object Pick-Point)	P	z	x	y	y	z	x
Developing Elevation Trajectory	k1	C	P	P	C	C	P
	k2	S		S		S	
Elevation Point (add)		P	S		P	P	S
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The situation shown at VO 3 configuration has a *SP* that is higher than the *PP*, so the algorithm creates two elevations at *PP* and *SP*. Figure 3.47 shows the VO 2 configuration where *PP* is higher, followed by *CS* and *SP* elevations.

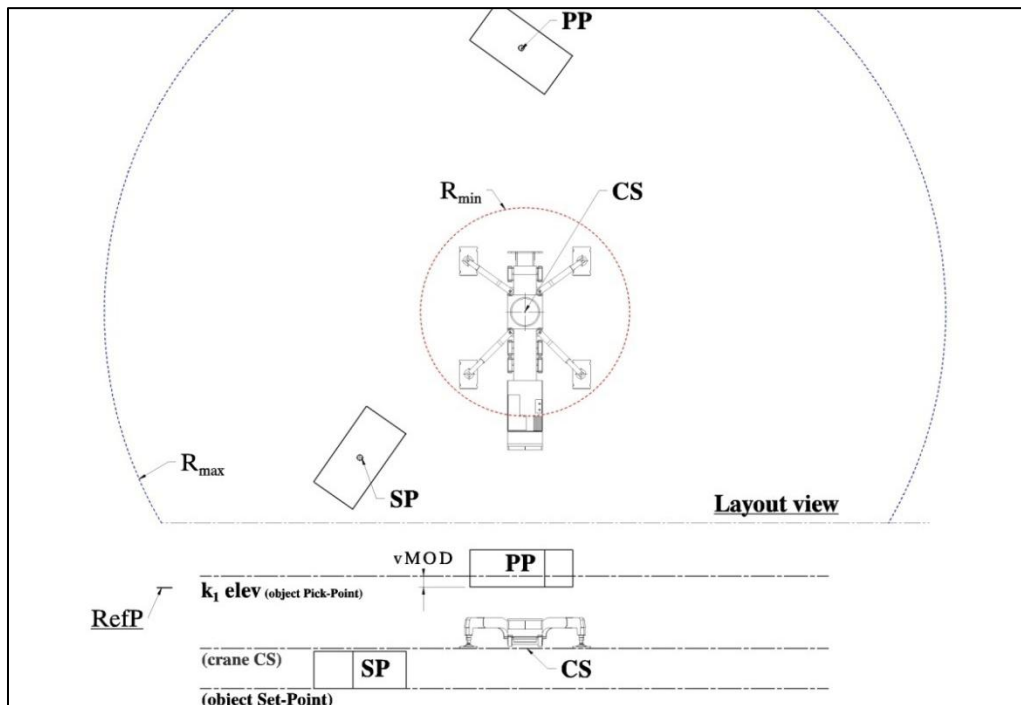


Figure 3.47 k_1 elevation identification (50).

This set-up allows the algorithm to create only the k_1 elevation. This elevation is offset from the PP elevation by vMOD distance (see Figure 3.48). Introducing the vMOD offset allows elimination of potential conflicts with a variety of different transportation platform heights that could be used for delivering objects at construction sites. The VO 2 configuration requires the algorithm to identify the object elevation set-point, which must be stored for the path connection operation. Figure 3.48 shows the task of crane object lift area creation.

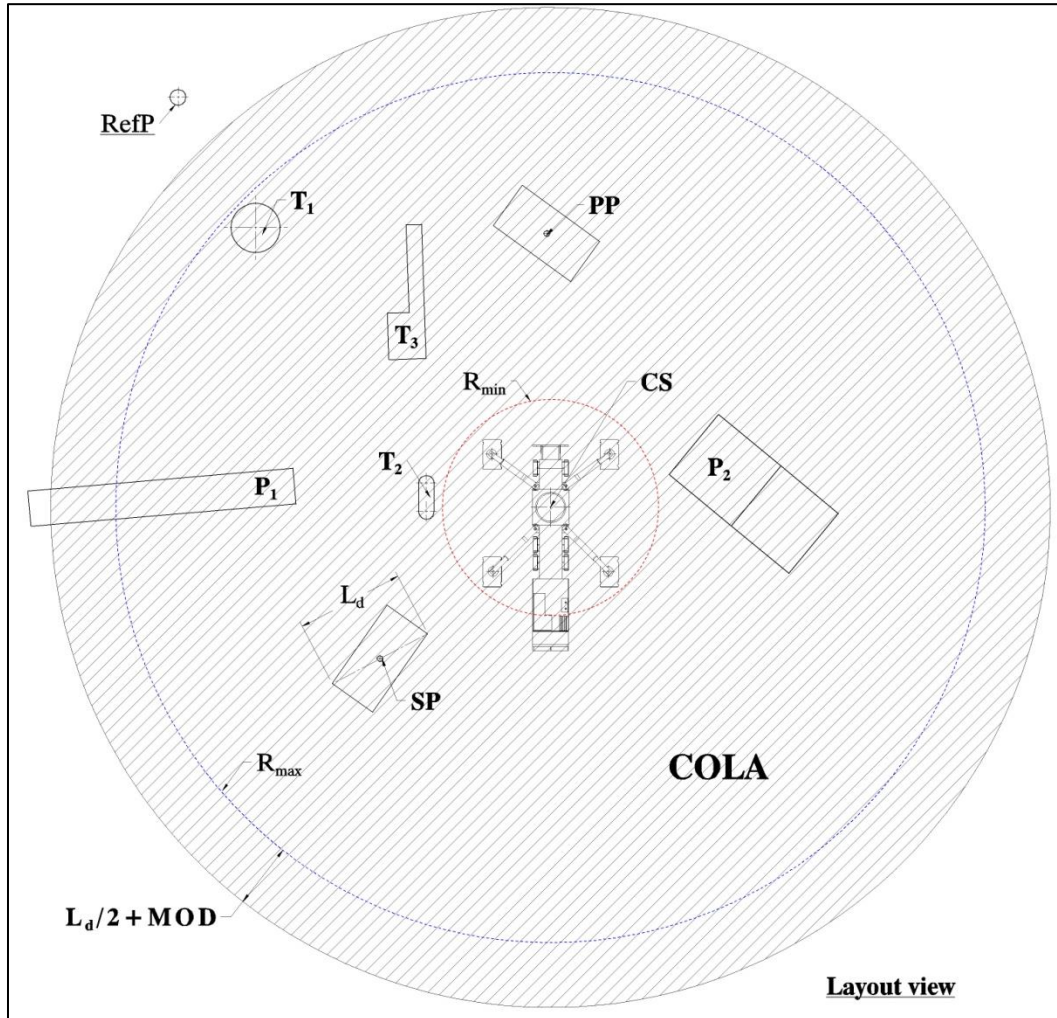


Figure 3.48 Crane object lift area creation (51).

At crane elevation, R_{max} circle is offset by distance $L_d/2+MOD$. L_d is the lifted object diagonal length. Created COLA is checked for obstructions. Obstructions recognized in the defined area are analyzed for their height. Figure 3.49 shows layout and elevation views of recognized obstructions. The already created k_1 elevation establishes a lower

limit for obstructions to be analyzed. This means that obstructions with height lower than k_1 elevation are ignored. Obstruction P_2 's lower portion resides below k_1 (minimum level) elevation and will not be analyzed for elevation development.

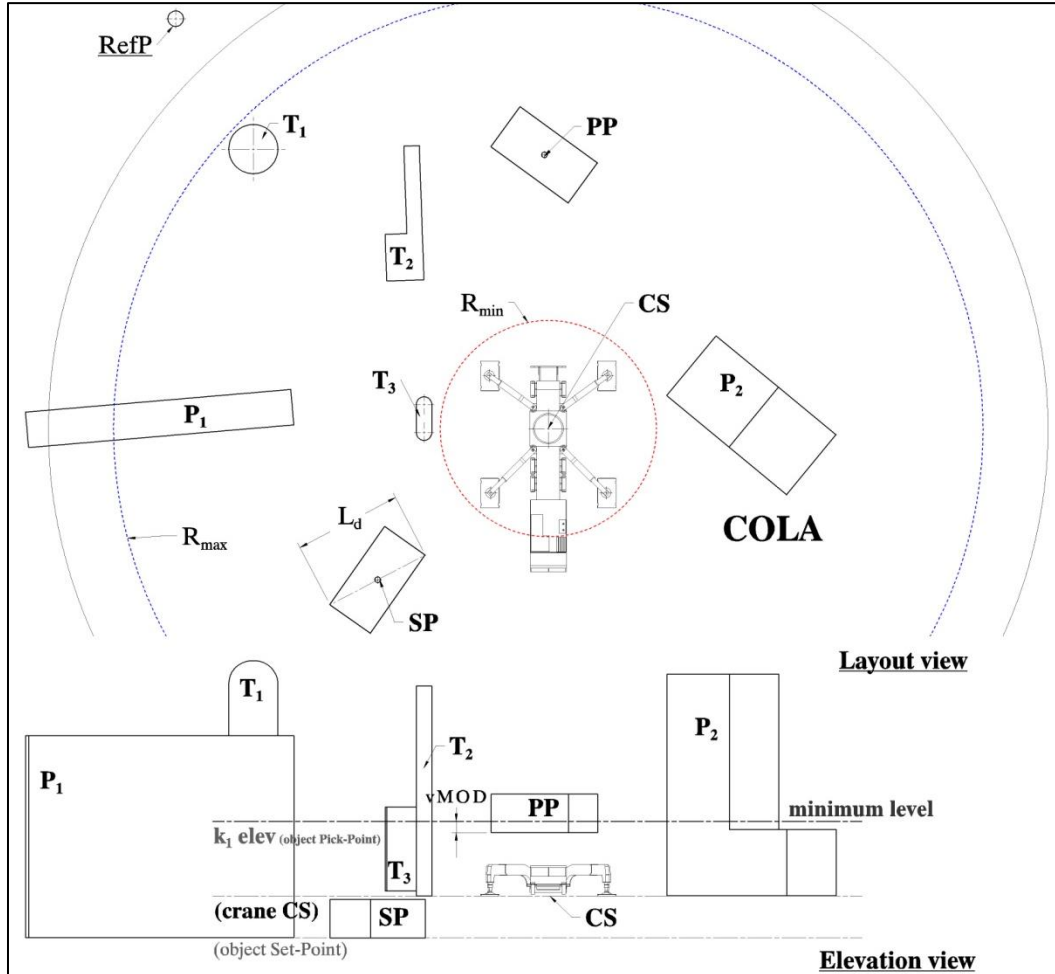


Figure 3.49 Minimum elevation obstructions check (52).

Establishing a minimum level boundary reduces the amount of operations due to the elimination of all obstructions whose height is lower than the minimum established level.

The next task is to focus on the crane configuration rigging arrangement. Evaluating rigging height allows defining the maximum level boundary for elevation calculation. Figure 3.50 shows the crane rigging height calculation and the maximum elevation boundary offset. Absolute crane boom tip height (H_B) is established at R_{min} value. This information is taken directly from the database, which refers to particular crane configuration.

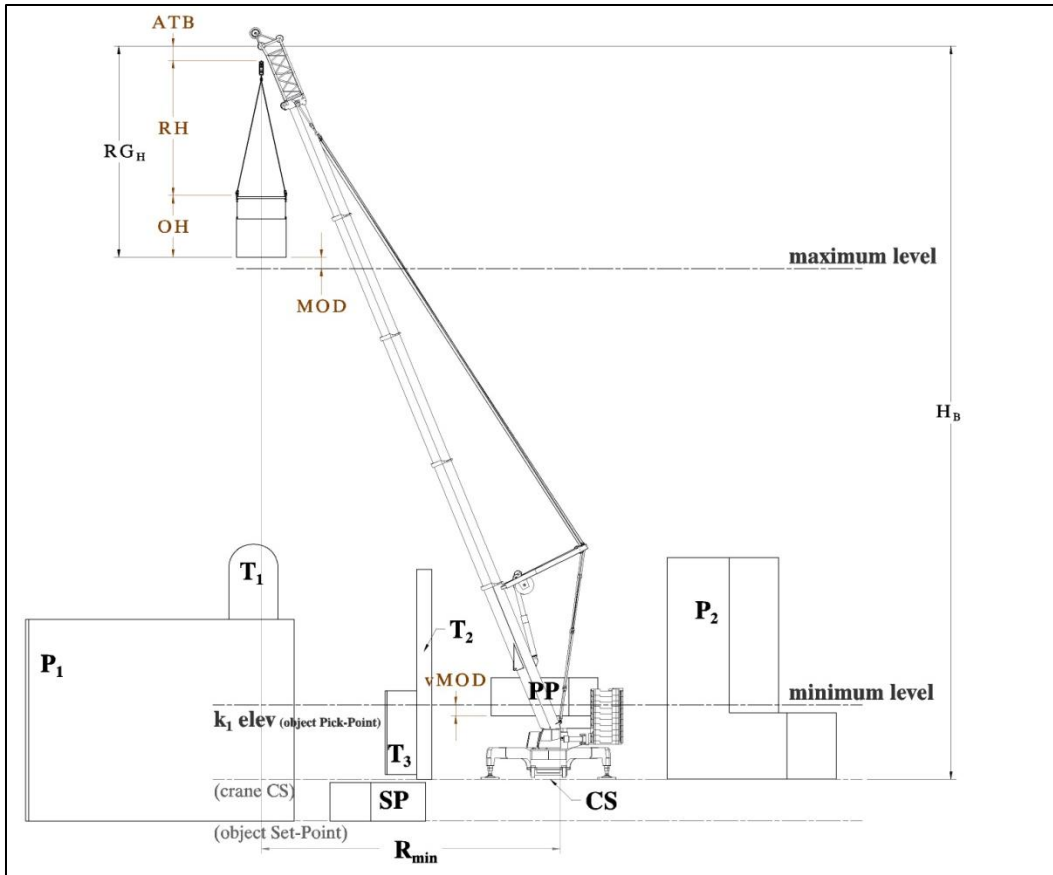


Figure 3.50 Obstruction maximum elevation boundary development (53).

Total rigging height (RG_H) consists of three dimensions: lifted object height (OH), rigging height (RH), and anti-two block (ATB) dimension, which is the minimum distance from the crane tip to crane boom block and is usually secured by an electronic device. This device switches off crane operation when the hook crosses minimum safe distance to the tip sheave. RH dimension depends on the (L) size of the lifted object, where rigging hook points could vary from four (4) to twelve (12) attachments that may have one, two, or three tier slings and bars arrangements. Such differences between rigging hook points is a result of evenly distributing heavy weight from the lifted object to the single main hook block. OH is the value of the lifted object height increased by the length of short slings, which transfer object load to the spreader bar vertically. The ATB dimension is specific for each crane and must be considered during maximum level calculation. Maximum level plane height must satisfy equation 3.39:

$$\text{maximum level} = H_B - RG_H - MOD \quad (3.39)$$

Where:

$$RG_H = ATB + RH + OH \quad (3.40)$$

H_B - maximum boom tip height at R_{min} position

RG_H - Total rigging height

ATB - anti-two-block dimension

RH - rigging height

OH - object height

MOD - Minimum object distance

The next task evaluates recognized obstructions by their maximum height (Z) value. Figure 3.51 shows dimensions (h) of each separate obstruction.

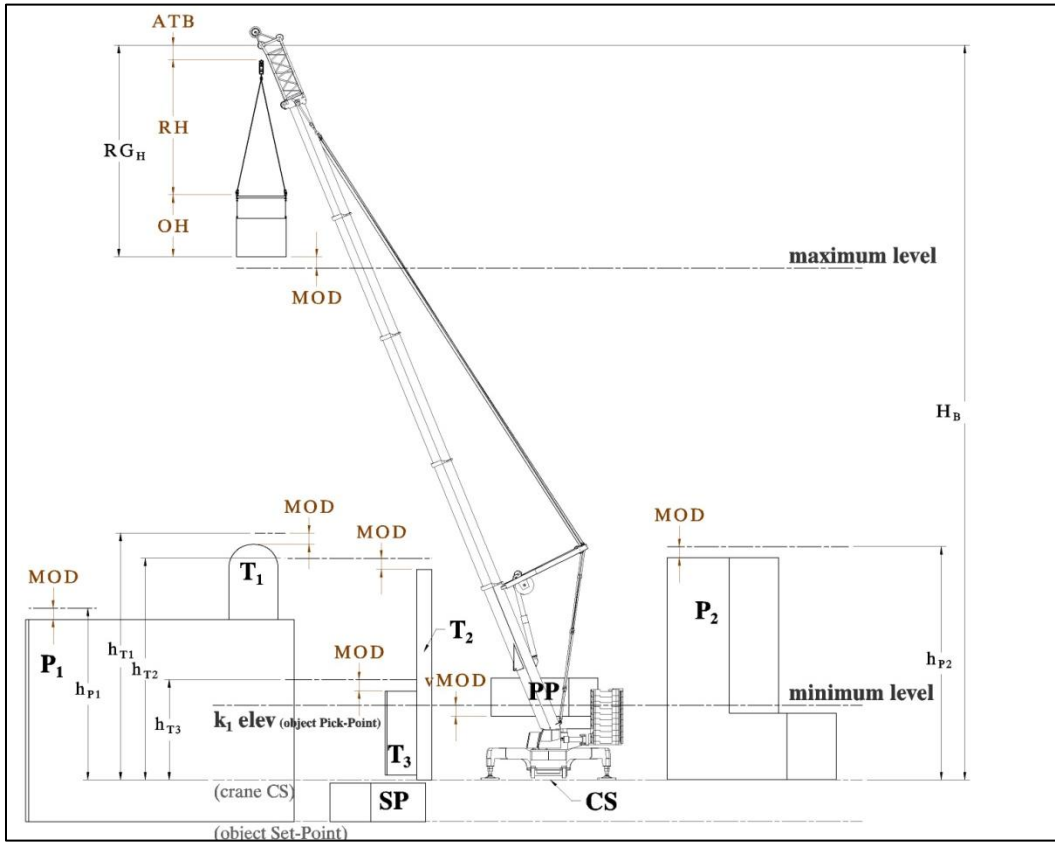


Figure 3.51 Obstruction elevations calculation (54).

Z dimensions are offset by MOD value, and establish obstruction specific elevation (h). All calculated obstruction elevations are subject to defined criteria.

$$k_1 < h_n < \text{maximum level} \quad (3.41)$$

Where:

k_l - minimum level boundary
 h_n - developed elevation plane

In this instance the accurate h_n elevation value is either stored if passed or rejected if failed. After the operation is finished the algorithm enters the loop to analyze the next obstruction elevation in a particular region. The final phase groups all elevations and sorts them in ascending order and renames them. Figure 3.46 shows all elevations in their final position.

Phase 6:-Anchored and Floating Obstruction Analysis: The objectives focus on the development of operational elevation areas by identifying involved elevation obstructions and segregating them for anchored (intersecting CST path) or floating (non-intersecting CST path) offset areas. The flowchart arrangement for this phase is shown in Figure 3.52.

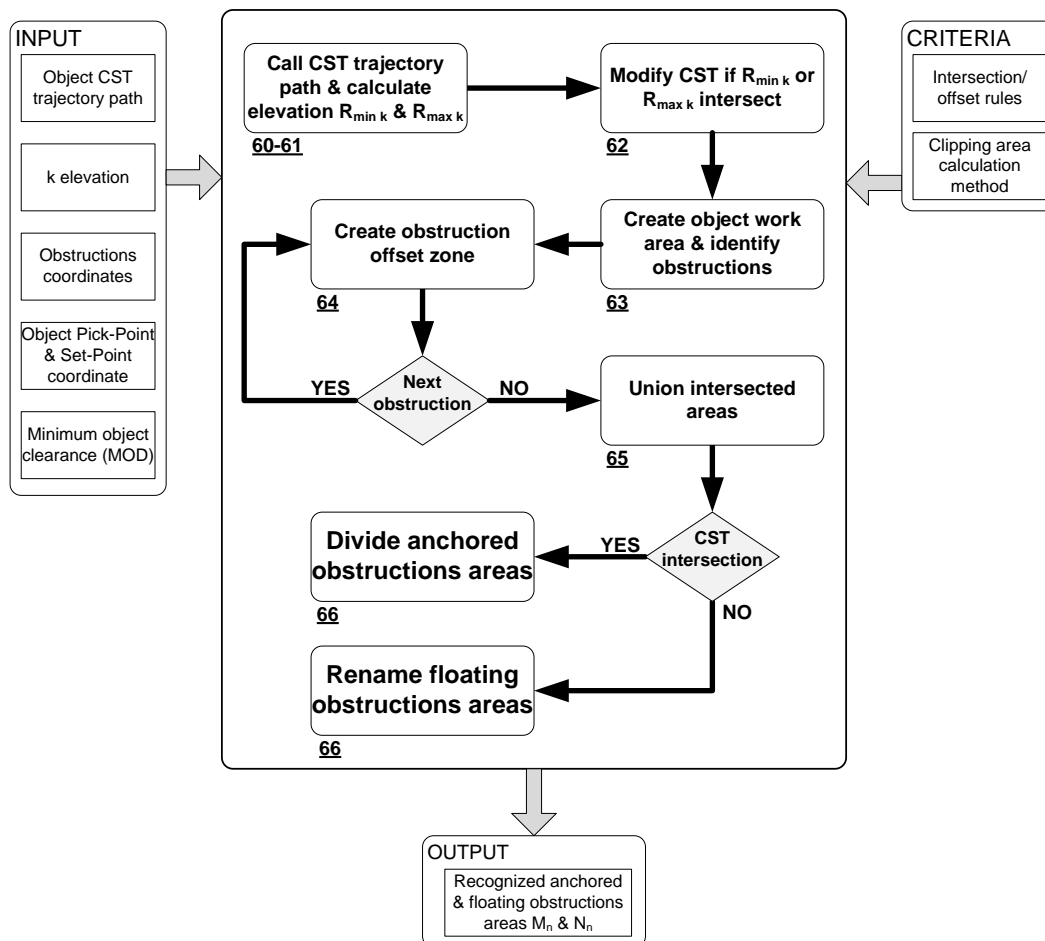


Figure 3.52 Anchored and floating obstruction definition (Ph-6).

The input module contains blocks that represent information needed in the phase. Some data, like obstruction coordinates, object pick-point and set-point x-y-z values, or user-defined MOD distance are taken from the database. But other information, such as object CST path or k elevations are used directly from the previous phases of the algorithm. The main process analysis starts from projecting the CST path at a specific elevation, then calculates elevation boundaries $R_{\min k}$ and $R_{\max k}$ and subtracts developed CBR and CSR restricted areas. As a result, a new area is recognized for obstruction interference analysis. Potential obstruction offset intersections are not only separated into anchored or floating areas, but also anchored obstruction offsets are divided into A and B parts that are analyzed separately. Phase criteria establish obstruction intersection offsets rules and the clipping area calculation method. Figure 3.53 shows the phase output result.

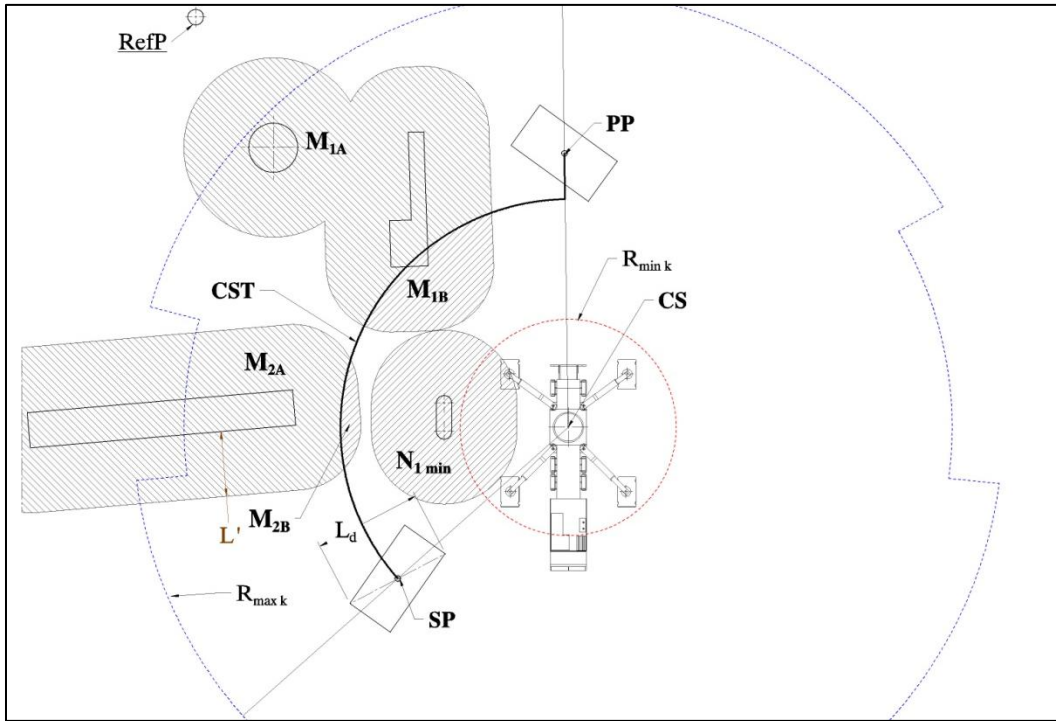


Figure 3.53 Obstruction offsets identification (66).

Intersecting M_1 and M_2 areas (anchored) are divided into A and B parts. The non-intersecting obstruction N_1 (floating) resides in B part area (inside CST path). The presented results cannot be achieved without the proceeding tasks. It starts from calculating elevation $R_{\max k}$ and $R_{\min k}$. This must be analyzed due to the different values of maximum and minimum crane boom radiuses at the crane elevation. Figure 3.54

shows the graphical method of elevation $R_{\min k}$ and $R_{\max k}$ analysis. The left side shows an elevation view recognizing $R_{\min k}$ position and the right side evaluates $R_{\max k}$ circles. The $R_{\min k}$ value is driven by the load position in relation to the crane boom envelope. In the elevation view on the left (see Figure 3.54), dimension MOD clearance together with the k_n elevation plane defines horizontal object place. Such position establish minimum radius $R_{\min k}$ dimension of the object. Equation 3.43 shows the calculation method of this parameter.

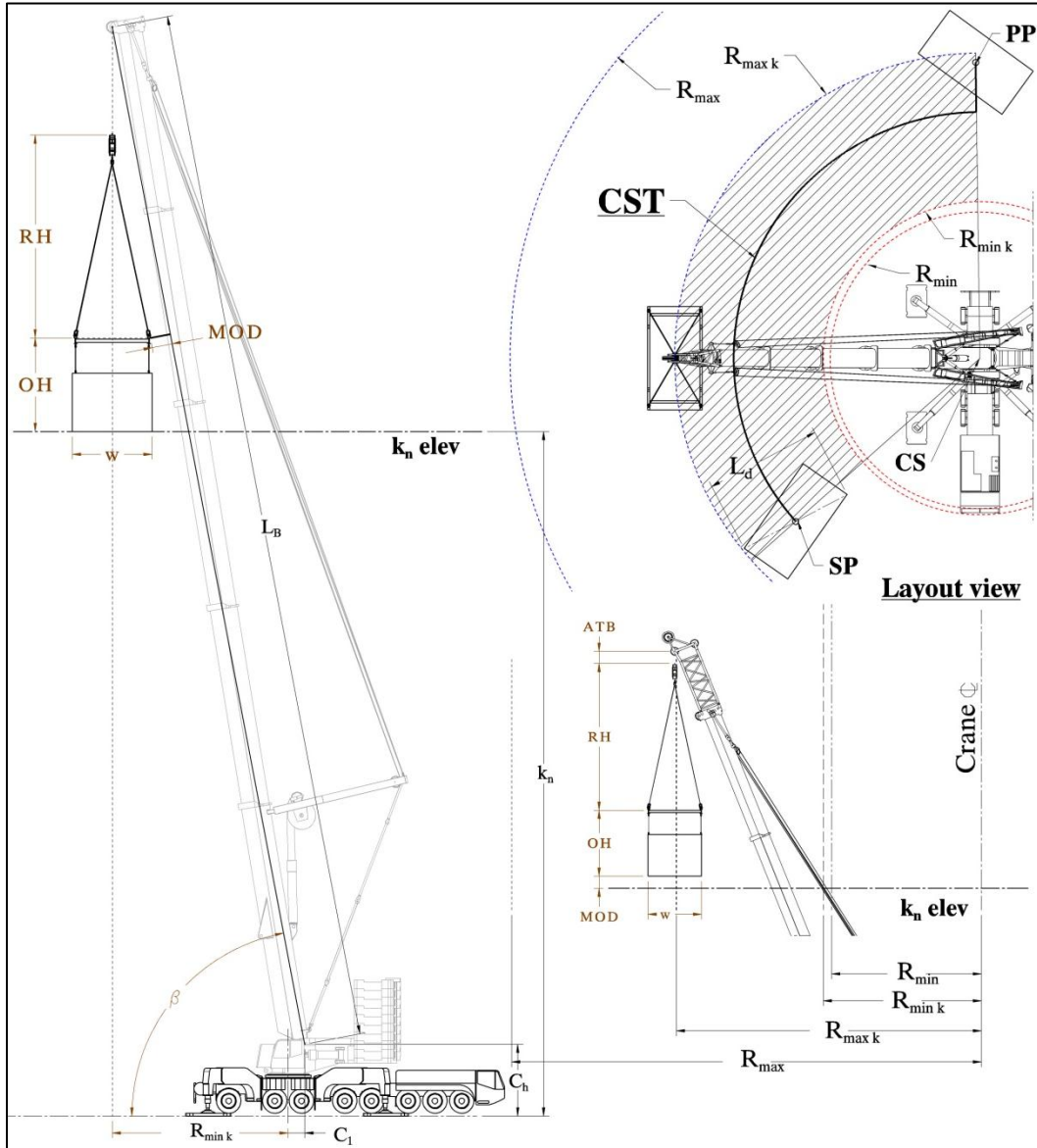


Figure 3.54 $R_{\min k}$ and $R_{\max k}$ calculation (60).

In the elevation view on the right side (see Figure 3.54), the $R_{\max k}$ circle is defined by anchoring the lifted object with vertical bottom MOD offset to k_n elevation and placing boom tip point at ATB distance from the hook position. The resulting crane hook vertical line marks the $R_{\max k}$ circle radius. Equation 3.42 shows the calculation method of this parameter. The $R_{\max k}$ circle radius must satisfy equation 3.42:

$$R_{\max k} = \sqrt{L_B^2 - RG_H + k_n - C_h}^2 \quad (3.42)$$

Where:

- L_B - Boom length (see Figure 3.30)
- RG_H - Under-the-hook items (see Equation 3.40)
- C_h - Boom rotation point offset distance (see Figure 3.30)
- k_n - Elevation vertical dimension (see Figure 3.46)

$R_{\min k}$ circle radius must also satisfy equation 3.43:

$$R_{\min k} = L_1 \cos \beta - C_1 \quad (3.43)$$

Where:

- β - angle is calculated from polynomial equation

$$k_n - C_h - MOD \tan \frac{\beta}{2}^4 - 2L_B + w \tan \frac{\beta}{2}^3 - 2MOD \tan \frac{\beta}{2}^2 + 2L_B - w \tan \frac{\beta}{2} - k_n - C_h + w = 0$$

- L_B - Boom length (see Figure 3.30)
- C_1 - Boom rotation axis offset (see Figure 3.54)
- C_h - Boom rotation point offset distance (see Figure 3.30)
- k_n - Elevation vertical dimension (see Figure 3.46)
- OH - Object height dimension
- w - Object width dimension

After both elevation radiuses are defined, CBR and CSR restricted areas are subtracted from the $R_{\max k}$ - $R_{\min k}$ donut, resulting in a new zone suitable for crane movement. CBR and CSR areas are independent of the elevation restriction and must be subtracted from any developed elevation.

The next task projects the CST path onto the analyzed elevation. Figure 3.55 shows the modified elevation of maximum and minimum boundaries with projected CST path.

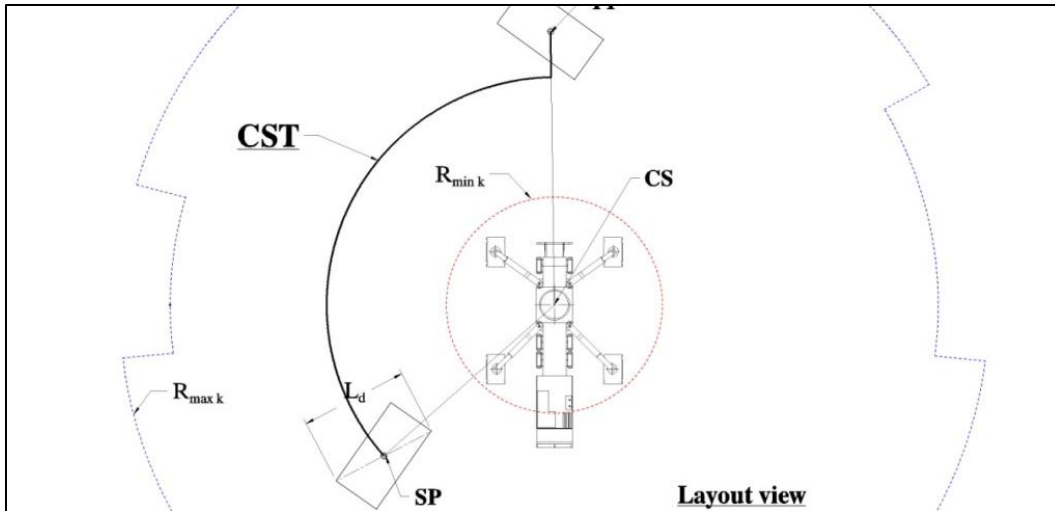


Figure 3.55 CST path elevation projection (61).

Projected CST path is checked for its continuity in the new area between minimum and maximum elevation boundaries. If the calculated boundaries intersect with the projected CST path, the path must be modified to meet maximum or minimum elevation boundary requirements. Figure 3.56 shows a sample when the modified elevation CST path follows inside boundary limits at the section where its continuity is interrupted.

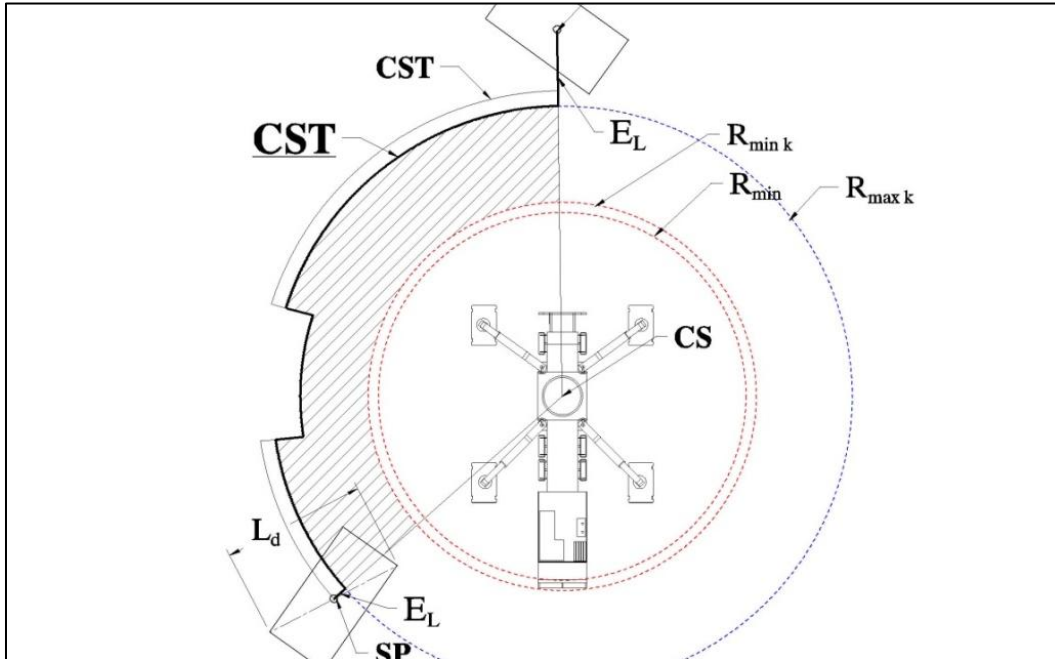


Figure 3.56 Elevation boundary and trajectory path intersection (62).

Usually, the presented scenario in Figure 3.56 will take place at the highest elevation level. However, when the path is offset from its original position, the elevation lines (E_L) are introduced to make continuity from PP to SP points. E_L lines, shown in Figure 3.56, belong to the lower calculated elevations and must be connected to projected end points of the offset path.

The projected path defines an angle direction for the lifted object. It may be of non-reflex or reflex direction. Figure 3.57 show a non-reflex angle CST path and outline an elevation boundary that is enlarged by the offset L' distance. As a result, object work area (Q_k) was created. Calculation of offset L' distance satisfies equation 3.44:

$$L' = \frac{L_d}{2} + MOD \quad (3.44)$$

Where;

- L_d – Object diagonal distance
- MOD – Minimum clearance distance (user define)

In the developed Q_k area, the algorithm checks for elevation obstructions, and when it finds one creates obstruction offsets on the L' dimension.

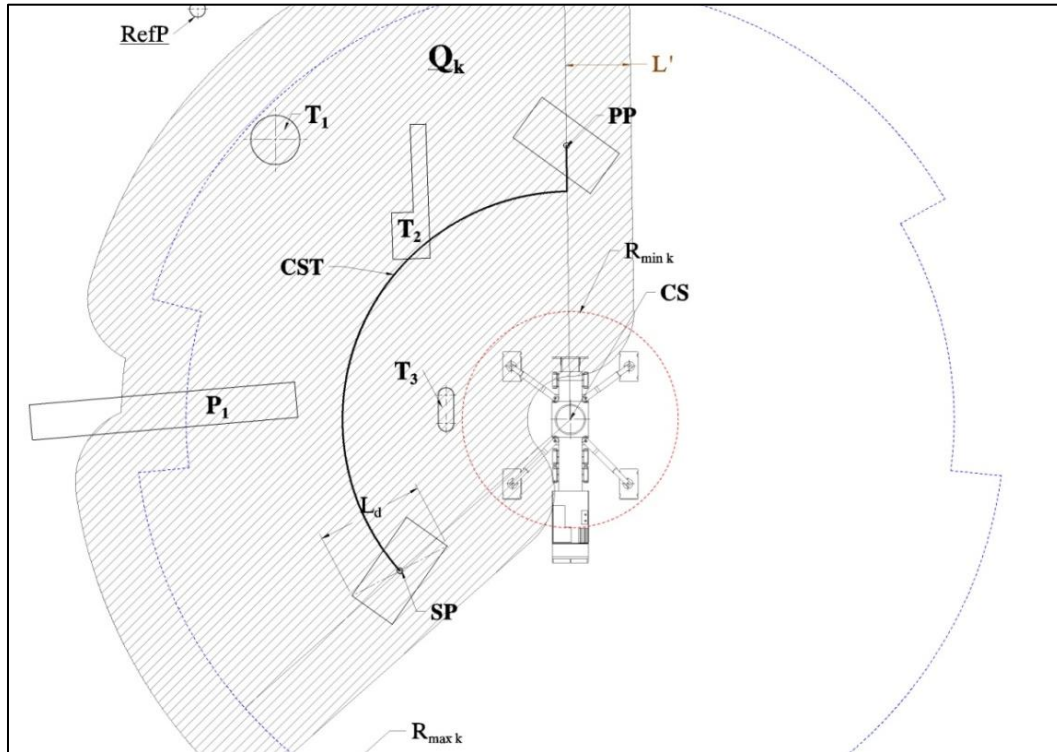


Figure 3.57 Object work area Q_k and obstructions definition (63).

The obstruction's boundaries are offset by the L' value, in order to create maximum clearance for lifted object. Figure 3.58 shows the located obstructions' offset zones (OZ_n) in Q_k area.

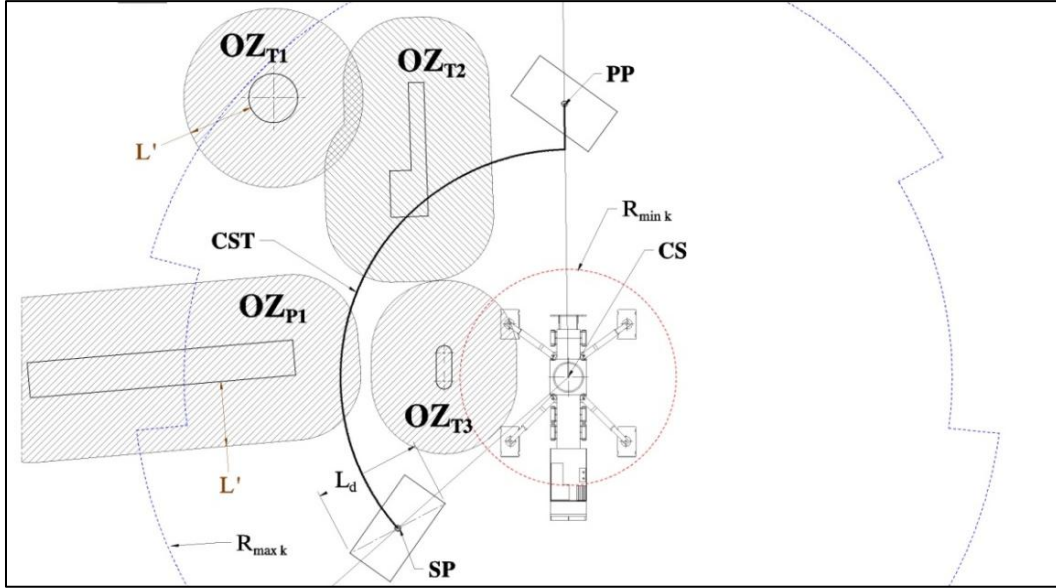


Figure 3.58 Obstruction offset zones (64).

After all obstruction offsets are created, the algorithm recognizes obstructions that are intersecting and joins them. Figure 3.59 shows the joined area of OU_1 for obstructions OZ_{T1} and OZ_{T2} .

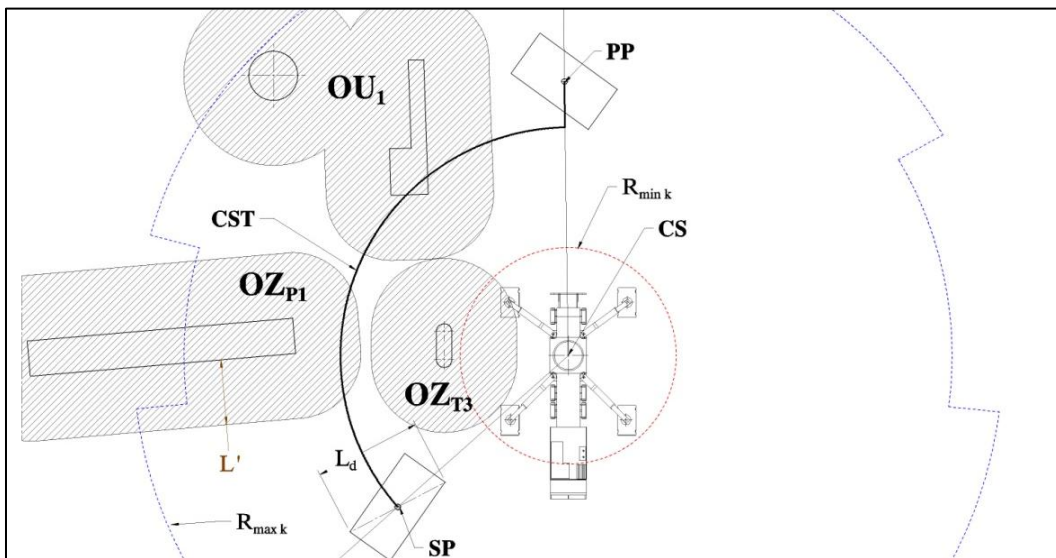


Figure 3.59 Obstruction offsets' intersection union (65)

The last task recognizes offset obstructions that are intersecting the CST path, divides them into A and B sections, and renames them as M_{nA} and M_{nB} (anchored obstructions). Obstruction offsets that are not in contact with the CST path are renamed to N_{nA} and N_{nB} (floating obstruction). Figure 3.53 shows the anchored and floating obstruction offsets development.

Phase 7:-Elevation Trajectory Path Development: The objective is to modify the CST path in reference to recognized obstructions and record full or partial object trajectory paths for further analysis. Figure 3.60 shows a detailed phase flowchart.

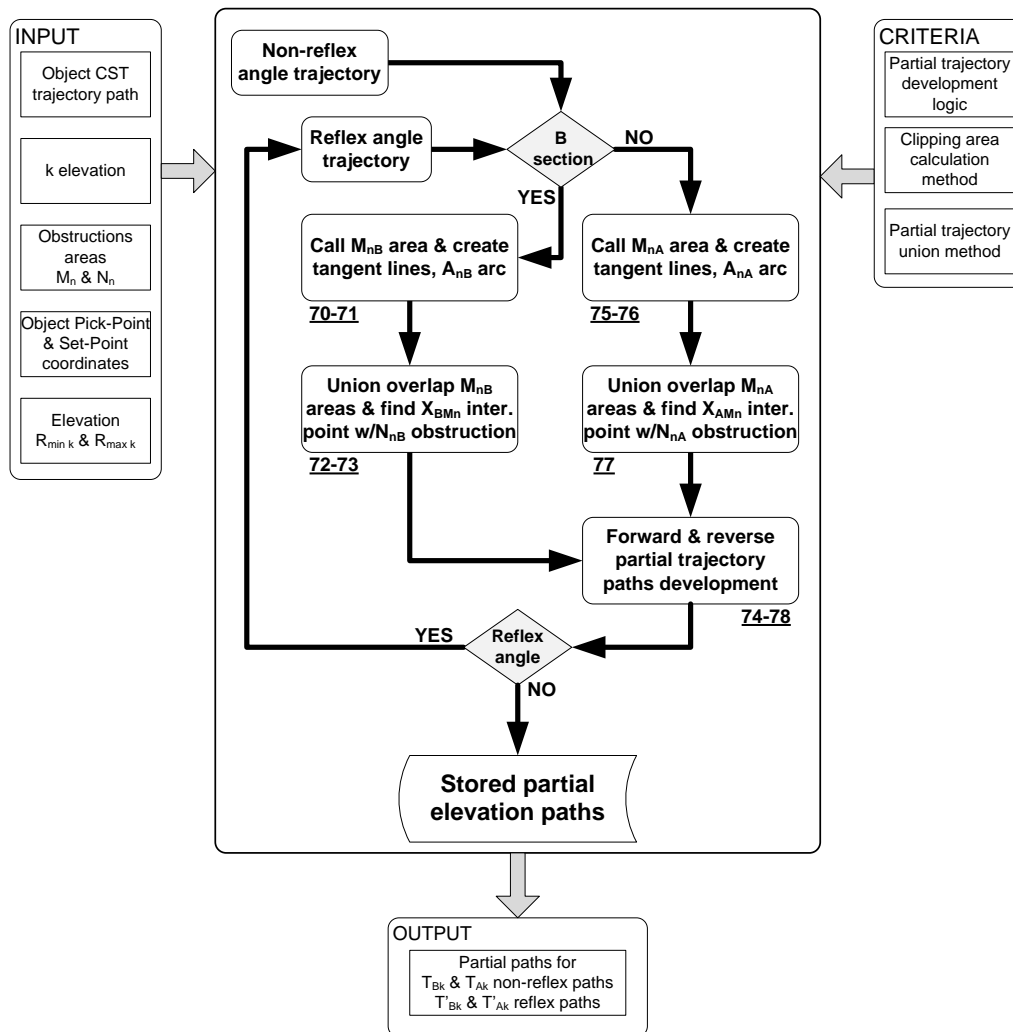


Figure 3.60 Elevation trajectory path development flowchart (Ph 7).

Input data, which is necessary in the phase's main process, requires information processed from the previous phases. CST object trajectory modified path, anchored and

floating obstruction offsets, elevation boundaries, and object pick-point (PP) and set-point (SP) coordinates are examples of information required for the main process. The main process starts with the identification of the non-reflex angle CST path and the analysis of its trajectory at the section B. It requires M_{nB} areas for creating tangent lines AT_{BMn} and tangent circles A_{nB} . If the algorithm analyzes section A of the non-reflex angle CST path, operations similar to section B follow, but the algorithm creates tangent lines and circles on the opposite side of the CST path. Created tangent circles and lines specify boundaries for the area that may overlap and, in this situation; the union areas operation take place. Next, tangent point X_{BMn} between M_{nB} area and A_{nB} circle is recognized and stored. If floating obstruction N_{nB} interferes with modified M_{nB} area at A_{nB} arc, intersection point Y_{BMn} is created either on the left or right side from tangent point X_{BMn} . From the intersection Y_{BMn} point, a set of radial-line and tangent-arc is designed to meet AT_{BMn} lines. If Y_{BMn} point is closer to the object SP than the X_{BMn} point, the designed set of radial-line and tangent-arc is called forward trajectory path FA_{nB} . If it is opposite of the radial-line and tangent-arc, it is called reverse trajectory path RA_{nB} . Such recognition is critical since the RA_{nB} path requires additional operations of reverse point orders implementation after meeting AT_{BMn} line. Once the algorithm finishes checking elevations, T_{Bk} , T_{Ak} , T'_{Bk} and T'_{Ak} paths are stored. They represent the possible object movement in two sections from the non-reflex angle and the two sections in reflex angle analysis. Figure 3.61 shows the area M_{nB} tangent point development operation.

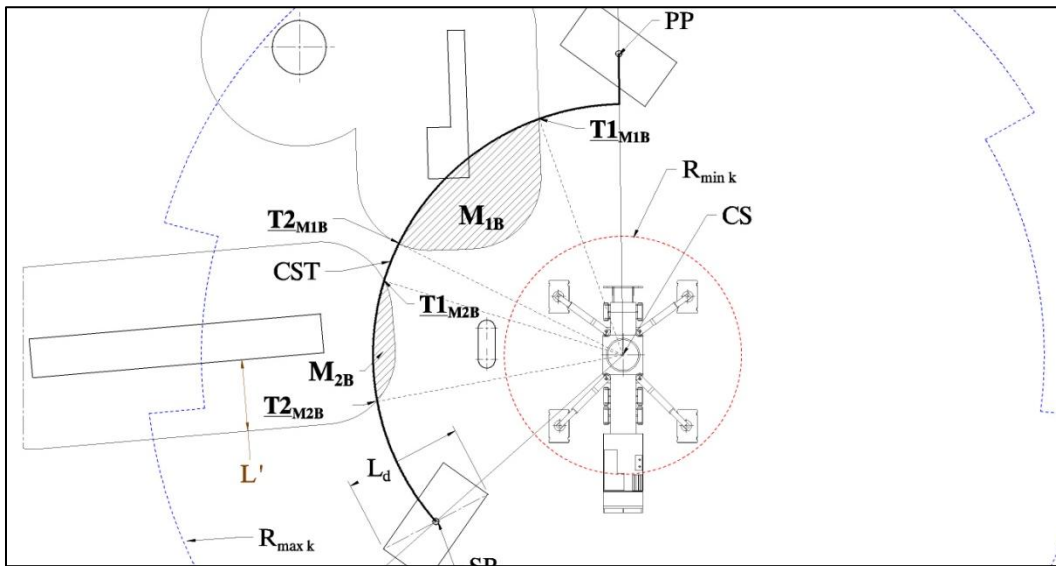


Figure 3.61 Area M_{nB} tangent point development (70).

Tangent points for area M_{1B} are identified as $T1_{M1B}$ and $T2_{M1B}$. The points' sequence allows placing first intersection point of modifying path always closer to object PP point. Then creating tangent arc A_{1B} omits the obstruction in direction B. Figure 3.62 shows the modified CST path in relation to anchored obstruction offset.

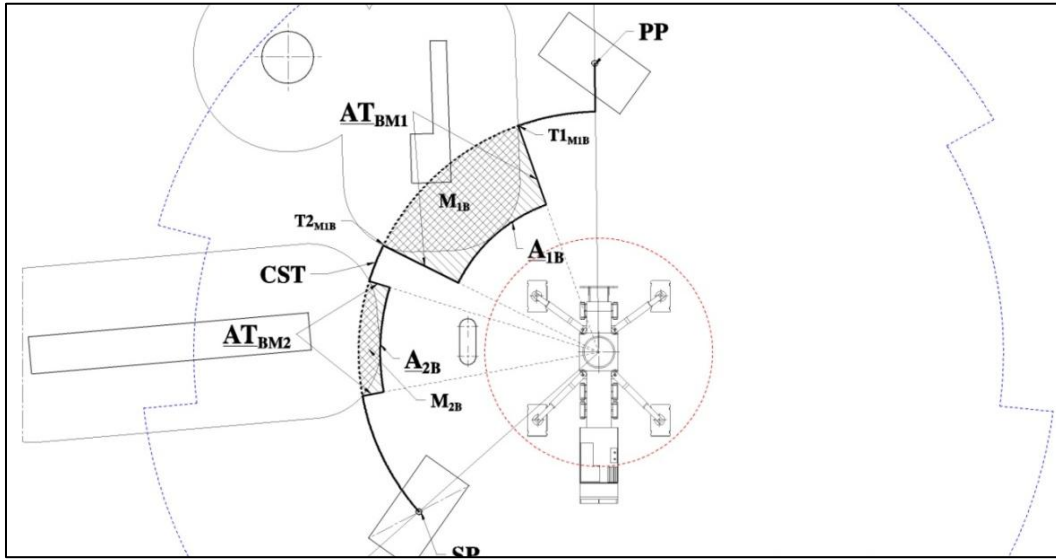


Figure 3.62 Anchored obstructions and modified CST path (71).

Developed CST path intersection points serve as breaks to the original CST path, as well as the start and end points for the modified trajectory. The tandem of tangent arc A_{1B} and two radial lines, AT_{BM1} , diverts paths in the analyzed section around the identified obstruction. The tandem also creates an area that is helpful in the situation, presented in Figure 3.63, where two separate tandems intersect.

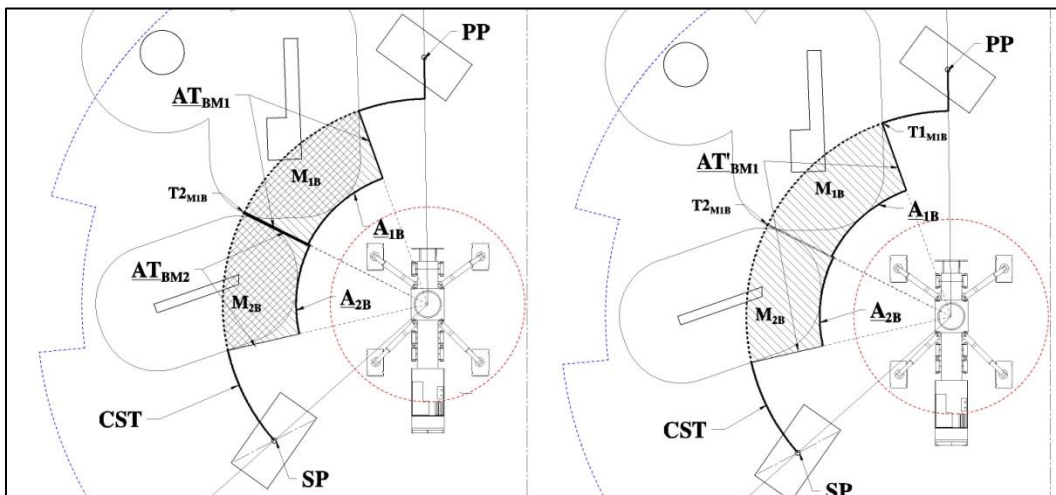


Figure 3.63 M_{nB} areas intersection union (72).

In such a situation a joint operation is introduced and two separate arcs, A_{1B} and A_{2B} , of a joint area are stored for further operations. Such a solution eliminates the problem when two arcs have different radiuses. Figure 3.64 shows tangent points X_{BM1} and X_{BM2} development for A_{1B} and A_{2B} arcs, respectively. Also it shows the floating obstruction offset interference.

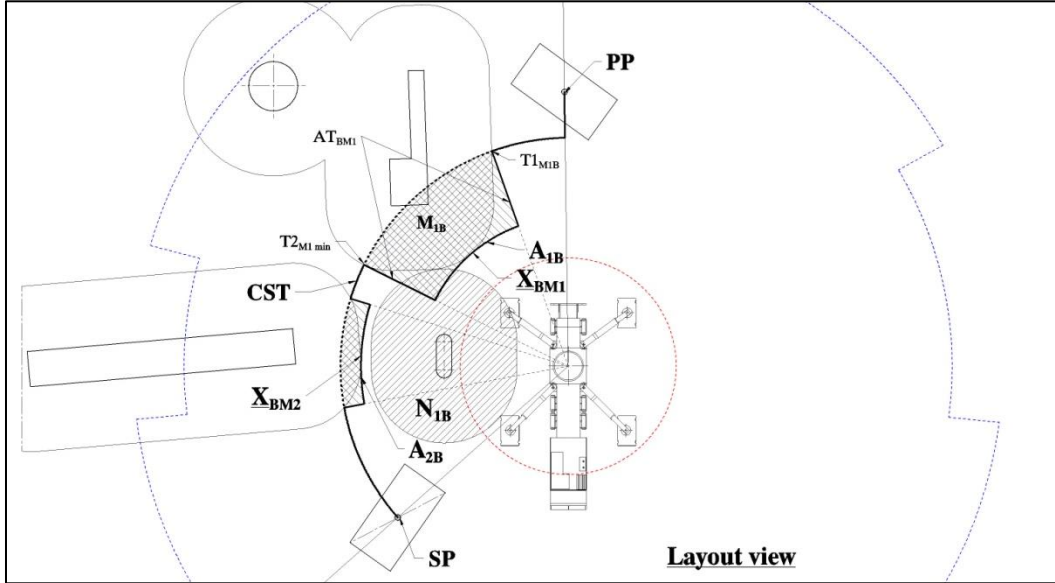


Figure 3.64 Floating obstruction offset intersection and A_{nB} tangent points (73).

The next task of the algorithm analyzes a situation where the floating obstruction offset intersects a diverted path. Two possible intersections will be analyzed in the following paragraphs. Figure 3.64 shows a situation of opposite corners of X_{BMn} point analysis. Figure 3.65 shows a detailed view of the intersection. The intersection area creates point Y_{BM1} within arc A_{1B} . This point is the starting point of the sequential line-arc path creation. Figure 3.65 shows a zoomed spot area of the sequential path. Point Y_{BM1} is used to create a line to the CS center and this line extends to intersect the original M_{1B} offset boundary. From that creation the intersection arc, with the center of the CS point, intersects the floating obstruction N_{1B} boundary. Then the line to the CS point is extended to the original M_{1B} offset. Such oscillating movements finally reach the AT_{BM1} line to end the repetitive operation. Because intersection point Y_{BM1} is located between X_{BM1} and object SP, the developed sequential path is called forward partial trajectory FA_{1B} and is stored for further calculation. The FA_{nB} path can be simple, only requiring a few oscillating movements to reach the AT_{BMn} line, if a floating obstruction offset N_{nB} is at a

larger distance from M_{nB} but still intersects arc A_{1B} . A complicated situation is presented in Figure 3.65 which displays a close position of a floating obstruction offset N_{1B} to the anchored obstruction offset M_{1B} .

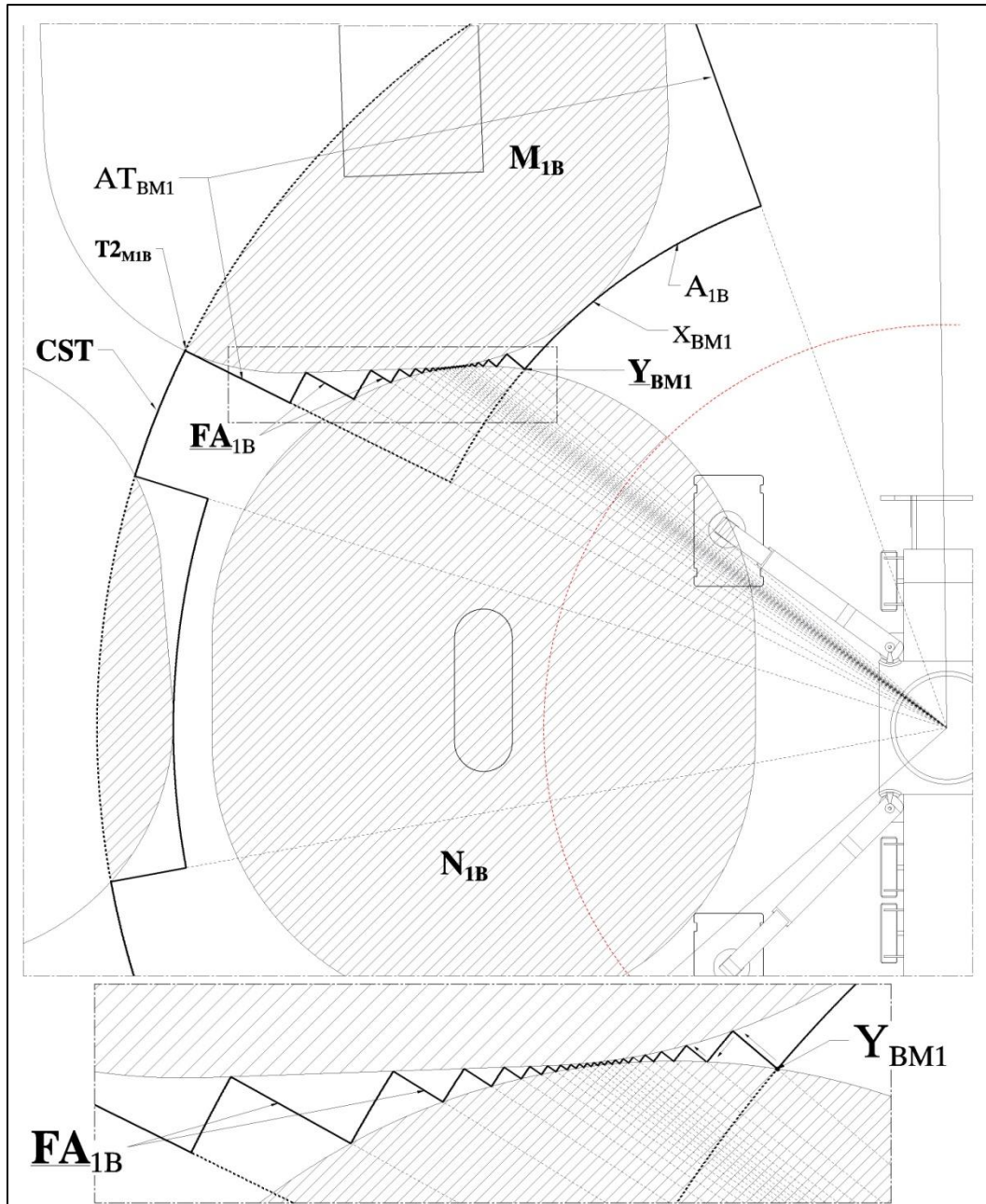


Figure 3.65 Forward path development operation (74.1)

When a floating obstruction offset intersects a developed diverted path between X_{BMn} and PP, the operation step is similar as presented above. However, an additional task must be

introduced. Figure 3.66 shows reverse trajectory path development. As point Y_{BM1} is recognized, a line to the CS point is created and extended to intersect with the M_{1B} obstruction offset. Then an arc with the CS center point is created to intersect the AT_{BM1} line or N_{2B} floating obstruction offset boundary. This represents a reverse sequential trajectory path RA_{1B} development.

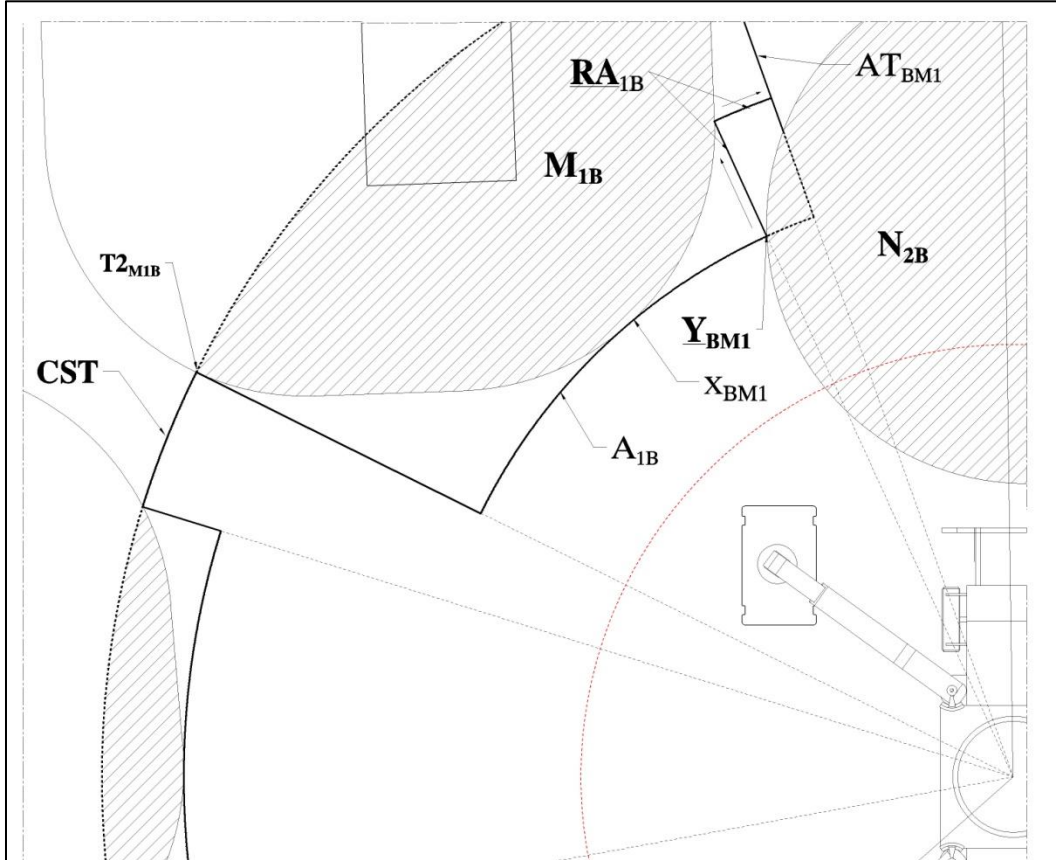


Figure 3.66 Reverse path development operation (74.2).

Before the reverse sequential trajectory path is stored for further operation, a reverse action must be implemented to induce the right direction point sequence from PP to SP. Figure 3.67 shows a preparation operation of a modified non-reflex angle CST path toward outside (A) direction. Obstruction offset M_{1A} is used to create tangent lines from the CS point and intersection points $T1_{M1A}$ and $T2_{M1A}$. The operation of creating a path occurs in a similar fashion as to section B (inside). Created arc A_{1A} is tangent to the area as shown in Figure 3.67. Connected and extended tangent lines AT_{AM1} remodel the area M_{1A} for further analysis. Because created arc A_{1A} and partial AT_{AM1} tangent lines are outside the developed $R_{max\ k}$ elevation boundary, the entire outside section is cut out from

created trajectory path. In this situation a partial trajectory is created, where its ends are located at the $R_{\max k}$ elevation boundary (see Figure 3.67).

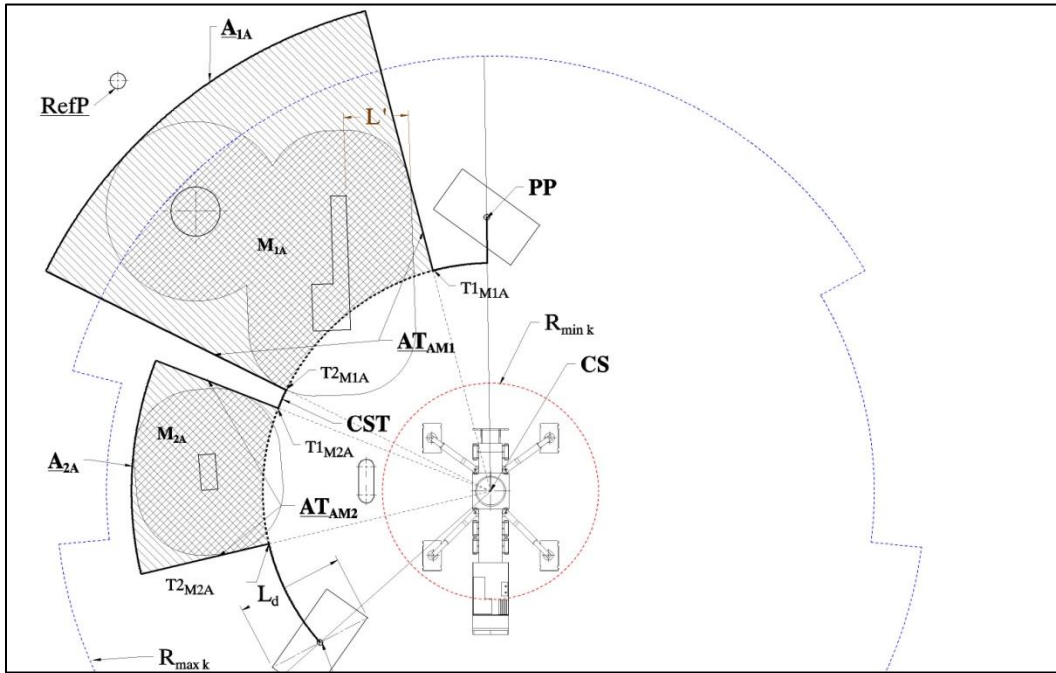


Figure 3.67 Area M_{nA} tangent points and path development (75).

Figure 3.68 shows the modified CST trajectory path.

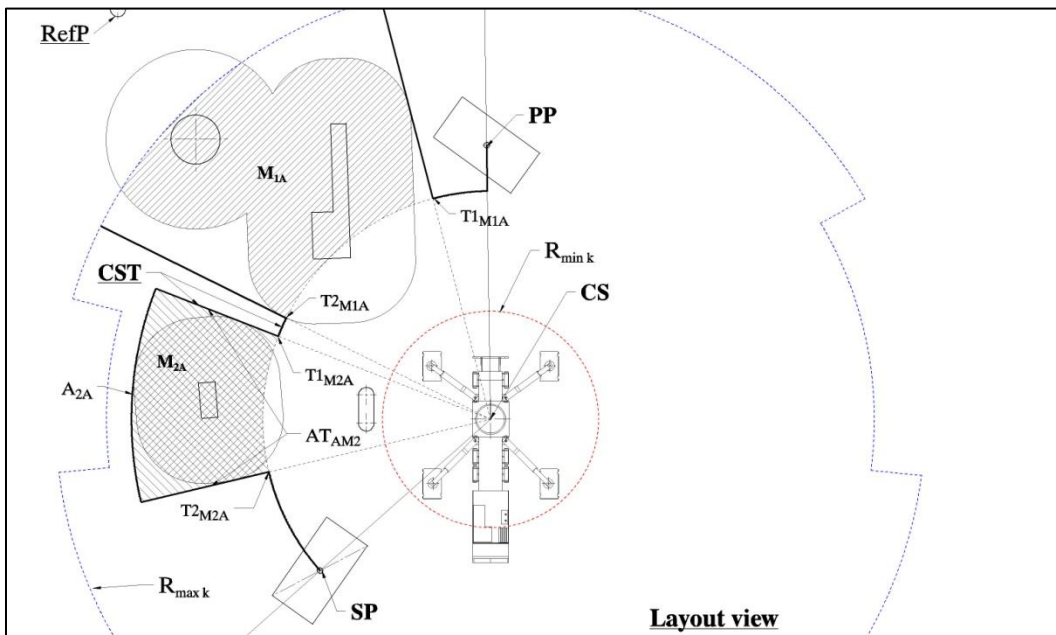


Figure 3.68 Modified CST path by M_{nA} area (76).

The CST path between two tangent lines does not have continuity but is still stored in the algorithm database and is called CST partial trajectory path. Figure 3.69 shows a scenario where a developed M_{2A} area is intersected by floating obstruction offset N_{4A} .

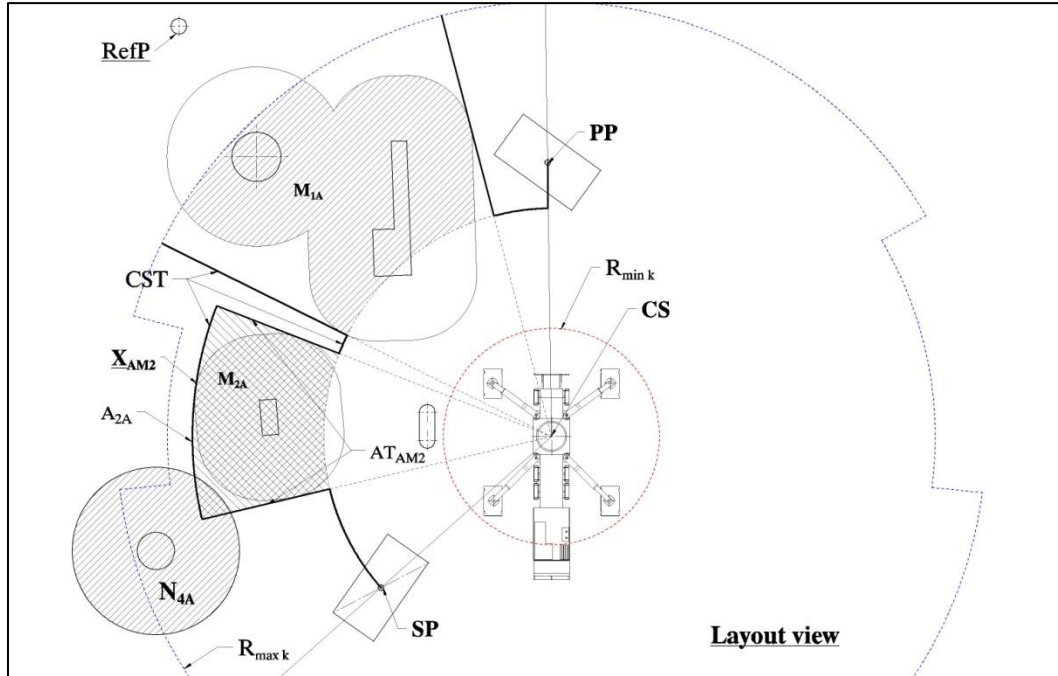


Figure 3.69 N_{4A} boundary and M_{1A} area intersection (77).

Procedures for developing forward or reverse trajectory are similarly presented for section B. Created tangent point X_{AM2} defines the site of the involved intersection area and identifies either reverse or forward partial trajectory. Figure 3.70 shows such a case.

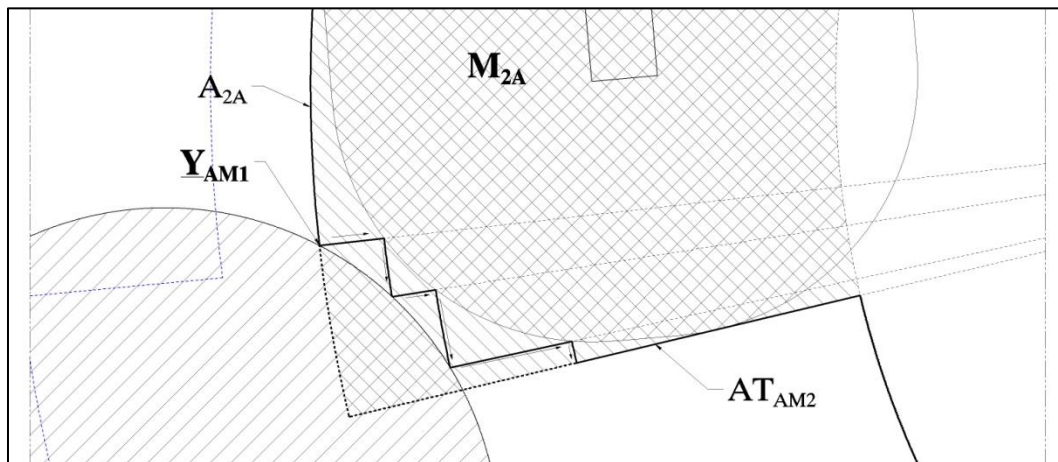


Figure 3.70 Forward path development zoomed area (78.1).

Phase six and phase seven operations are performed on the same elevation. After the last task of phase seven is complete, the algorithm enters a loop to check another recognized elevation. Table 3.3 shows a sample of a developed trajectory path matrix.

Table 3.3 Possible path identification.

	Non-reflex angle		Reflex angle	
	A-sec	B-sec	A-sec	B-sec
k1	P	F	P	F
k2	P	F	P	F
k3	F	F	P	F
k4	F	F	P	F
k5	F	F	F	F
k6	F	F	F	F

P-partial trajectory

F-full (connected) trajectory

Phase 8:-Object Trajectory Path Optimization: The objectives are to develop connection elevation lines, including object pick-point or/and set-point connection, assign weight values connections, and develop a routine to optimize trajectory path. Figure 3.71 shows the phase flowchart. The input box includes object full and partial trajectory paths for each analyzed elevation, and object pick-point and set-point coordinates. The main process starts from recognizing each path at its specific elevation and direction points. Direction points are projected up and down from each elevation except first (when projected up) and last (when projected only down). After the point is projected onto a lower or higher elevation, it is checked for intersection with residing elevation path. If the point intersects the path, it acts as a breaking spot and divides the path line or path curve into two separate pieces. Where the projected point lands in an empty space it is immediately rejected and deleted. An accepted projected point is then connected to its source point creating an elevation path connection line. After all elevation connection lines are recognized, the algorithm checks the vertical order (VO) rule to identify if both PP and SP are connected to the elevation trajectory web. Having a web of different connections between the partial or full elevation trajectories, the next task recognizes the variety of line segments and their connections to assign weight values. After lines and web connections are weighted, the algorithm routine checks the least weight path between PP and SP. The optimized object trajectory final path is stored for other purposes such as creating animation in the visualization section. Process operations are subject to criteria rules, which define weight classification (different values for different connections) and optimization method routine. The output box contains the optimized

final path, which may include several different lines, curves, and points connected sequentially from pick-point to set-point.

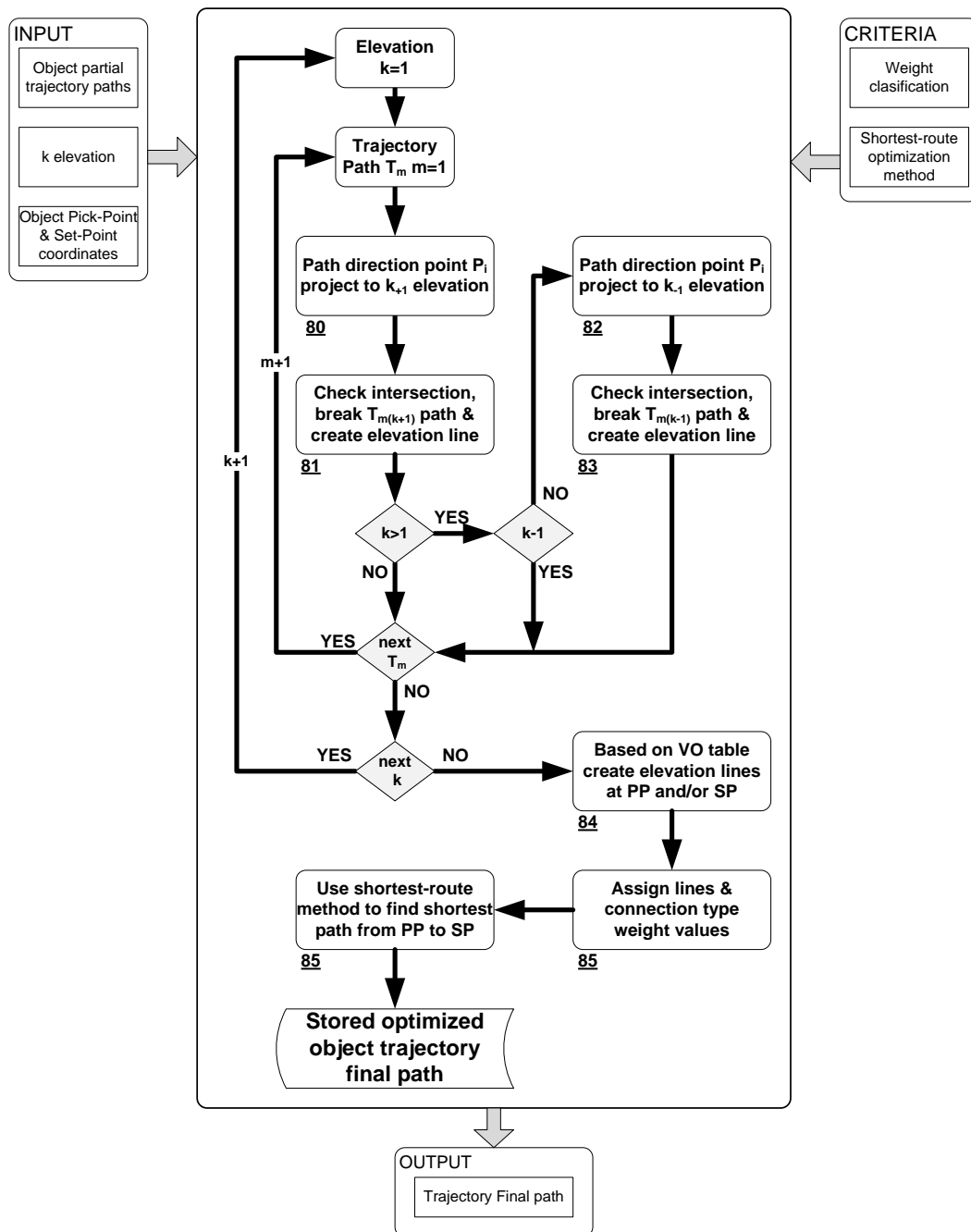


Figure 3.71 Object trajectory path optimization flowchart (Ph-8).

The first task of the phase recognizes the elevation and trajectory path for direction point analysis. Figure 3.72 show the direction point projection operation. From the lower

Projection down direction is similar to translation and procedures follow the same pattern with divisions of elevation paths. Also, when points are duplicated they are erased and eliminated from further operations. The next task of the algorithm checks vertical order (VO) rule to establish web points connections (PP and SP). In the presented sample SP must be connected vertically to the web. Figure 3.74 shows creation of elevation lines between object set-point and web grid.

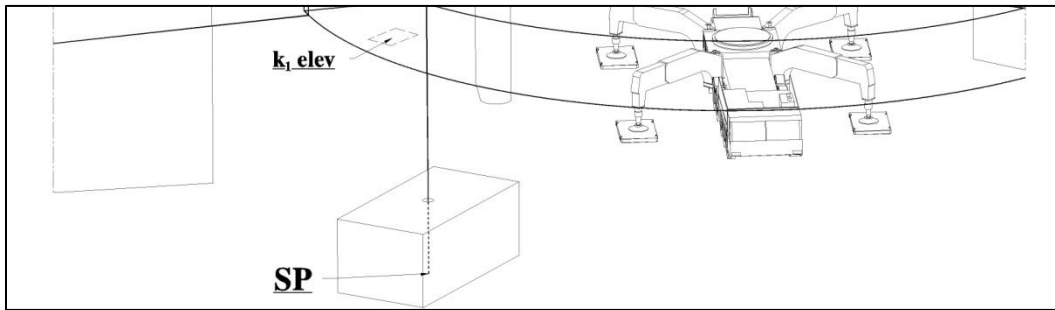


Figure 3.74 Object set-point to web grid connection (82).

Now, when object PP and SP are connected with the 3D grid, the next task assigns weight values to lines and connections to grade preferable movements. Figure 3.75 shows weight values assigned to lines and elevations connections.

Speed		Code			
straight - horizontal	s	55	ft/min	660.00	in/min
curve - horizontal	c	164	ft/min	1968.00	in/min
vertical up	vu	100	ft/min	1200.00	in/min
vertical down	vd	100	ft/min	1200.00	in/min
Movement Change Time Penalty					
	S-C	0.25	min		
	C-S	0.25	min		
	S-Vu	0.25	min		
	Vu-S	0.25	min		
	S-Vd	0.25	min		
	Vd-S	0.25	min		
	C-Vu	0.25	min		
	Vu-C	0.25	min		
	C-Vd	0.25	min		
	Vd-C	0.25	min		
Height Penalty					
k ₁ -elevation	no penalty				
k-elevations	add 10% to each elevation				

Figure 3.75 Algorithm lines and connections weight criteria.

At each elevation points are in sequence of ascending order from projected PP to projected SP. Elevation lines and curves are one directional vectors, but vertical elevation connection lines are bi-directional vectors. This clarifies algorithm moving restrictions. A penalty weight system was developed based on expert knowledge. Figure 3.76 shows full trajectory paths web.

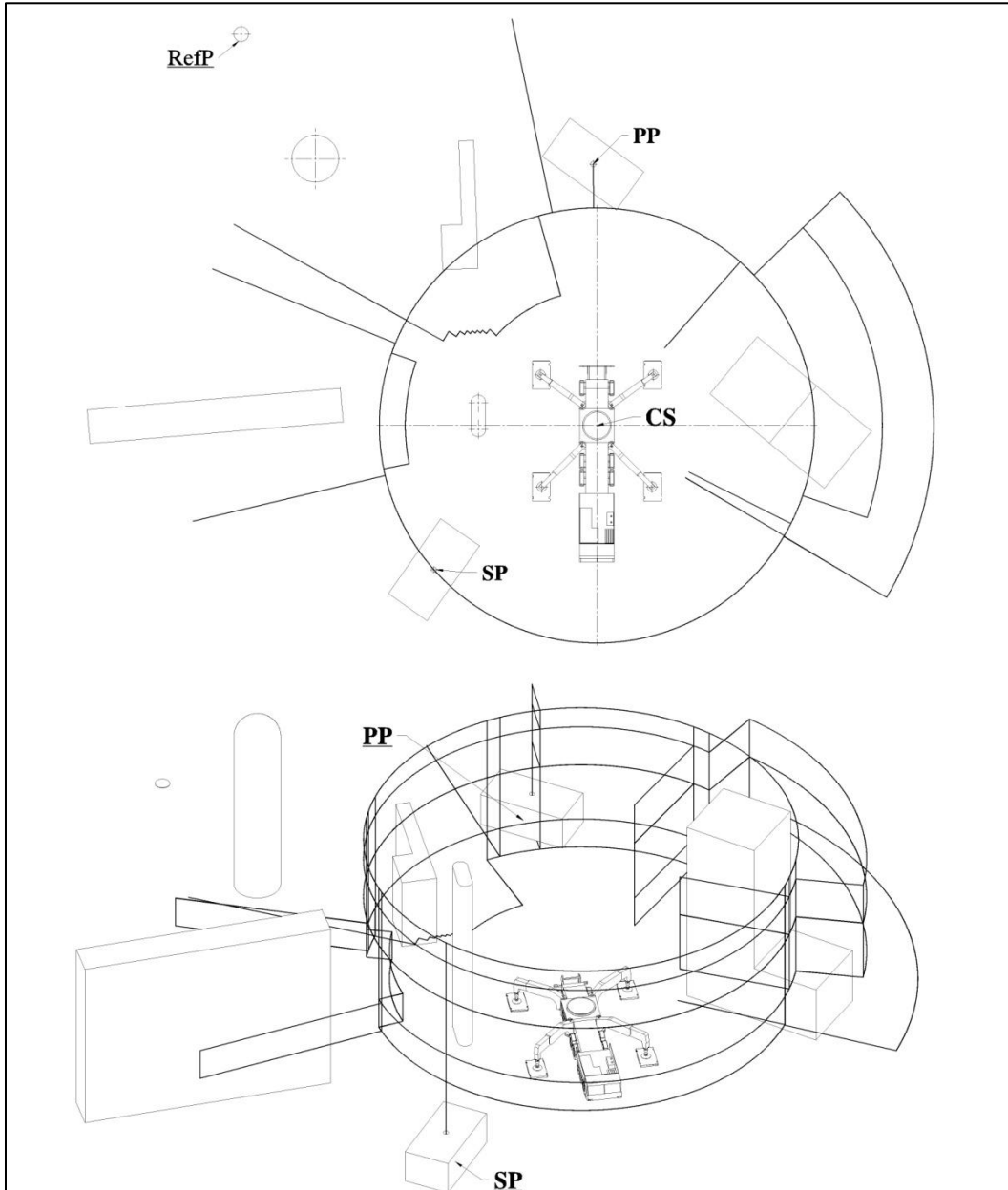


Figure 3.76 Object trajectory paths web (83).

Spatial point coordinates, shown in Appendix A-07, are numbered in a three digit sequence where the first digit represents the residing elevation and next two sequence order. Also, they are listed from projected PP to coordinate SP. Appendix A-08 shows all layout and elevation vector collections that have assigned calculated distances between direction points. The last task optimizes the trajectory by finding the shortest path between PP and SP. It applies a simple graph search algorithm and stores solutions for analysis. A large amount of connections have created great amounts of data. Evaluating the logic of the graph search algorithm established an additional limit criterion. The recursive method was then implemented in programming algorithm, following established rules at each node individually. Figure 3.77 shows a sample node graph flowchart with connections and weight values. The algorithm routine must find the shortest path between two nodes (01-80) with one-directional flow criterion (the path cannot pass the same node twice). One directional flow criterion at specific elevation is the optimization algorithm's main criterion.

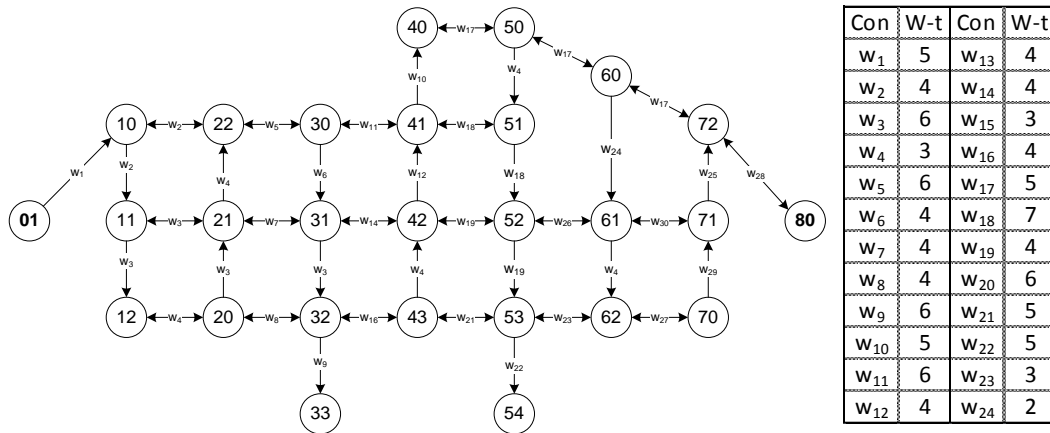


Figure 3.77 Node graph flowchart and connections weight values.

Figure 3.79 shows a run table of the optimization algorithm. The algorithm recognizes all available paths and stores only those with a solution that reaches the end. Description nodes simulate original case study scenario numbering, and the first digit identifies elevation and the second sequence. At the elevation level, nodes are one-directional, and connections between elevations are bi-directional. Also, there are four different penalties introduced in the sample. They are valued by favoring easiest and simplest connections that mimic crane movement's difficulties. Figure 3.78 shows a penalty matrix.

	1	2	3	4
1	0	3	4	2
2	3	0	5	3
3	3	4	0	0
4	2	3	0	0

1 Straigth
2 Arc
3 Vertical-up
4 Vertical-down

Figure 3.78 Move penalty matrix.

In the presented sample, the algorithm has 219 valid runs. Run ‘215’ is recognized as the optimum path. The optimum path has a total distance, weight between nodes, and a connection penalty summarized to 50 with a weight 39 and a penalty 11. Figure 3.80 shows highlighted numbers, which are marked for paths within 10% of the lowest value. A general logic optimization concept displayed in this sample had 27 nodes and 24 different connections. This set-up allowed a manual test of the implemented algorithm. The methodology study contains 144 nodes and 340 connections. To find feasible solutions among that many nodes and connections, a visual basic (VB) routine was developed and a recursive method was used to simplify operations and reduce computational time. The total run time using the recursive method was 35 seconds.

	Weight	Penalty	Total	Path Route																							
1	99	61	160	1	10	11	12	20	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	40	50	51	52	53	62	70	71	72	80	0
2	100	66	166	1	10	11	12	20	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	40	50	51	52	61	62	70	71	72	80	0
3	89	53	142	1	10	11	12	20	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	40	50	51	52	61	71	72	80	0	0	0
10	82	53	135	1	10	11	12	20	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	51	52	61	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0
11	84	57	141	1	10	11	12	20	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	52	53	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0
12	85	57	142	1	10	11	12	20	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	52	61	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0
13	74	44	118	1	10	11	12	20	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	52	61	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
97	77	45	122	1	10	11	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	40	50	51	52	61	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0
98	98	55	153	1	10	11	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	40	50	60	61	52	53	62	70	71	72	80	0	0
99	85	53	138	1	10	11	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	40	50	60	61	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0
100	74	45	119	1	10	11	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	40	50	60	61	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0
101	67	33	100	1	10	11	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	40	50	60	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
102	80	53	133	1	10	11	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	51	52	53	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0
103	81	58	139	1	10	11	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	51	52	61	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0
104	70	45	115	1	10	11	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	41	51	52	61	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
105	72	49	121	1	10	11	21	22	30	31	32	43	42	52	53	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
206	42	16	58	1	10	22	30	31	42	52	61	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
207	78	33	111	1	10	22	30	41	40	50	51	52	42	31	32	43	53	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0
208	59	31	90	1	10	22	30	41	40	50	51	52	53	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
209	60	36	96	1	10	22	30	41	40	50	51	52	61	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
210	49	23	72	1	10	22	30	41	40	50	51	52	61	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
211	89	33	122	1	10	22	30	41	40	50	60	61	52	42	31	32	43	53	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0
212	70	33	103	1	10	22	30	41	40	50	60	61	52	53	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
213	57	31	88	1	10	22	30	41	40	50	60	61	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
214	46	23	69	1	10	22	30	41	40	50	60	61	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
215	39	11	50	1	10	22	30	41	40	50	60	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
216	71	26	97	1	10	22	30	41	51	52	42	31	32	43	53	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
217	52	24	76	1	10	22	30	41	51	52	53	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
218	53	29	82	1	10	22	30	41	51	52	61	62	70	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
219	42	16	58	1	10	22	30	41	51	52	61	71	72	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 3.79 Optimization algorithm paths – sample.

itself to becoming a useful tool for teaching at universities. This research captures both academic and construction field expert knowledge in the form of predefined logic and decisions.

CHAPTER 4 – METHODOLOGY IMPLEMENTATION

This chapter will discuss methodology implementation and validation of proposed solutions. It begins with project description, crane position calculation, and evaluation of boom clearances to a sloped angle roof surface. The project was commenced by Kullman Building Corp. in Allentown Pennsylvania. Also, it will discuss modular assembly operation in specific and describe the lifted object spatial trajectory analysis of the same project.

4.1 Crane Boom Clearance - Top Surface Slope Area

Problem Definition

Fully finished modules were delivered to Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, for assembly into five new buildings. These three-story dormitory units were to house 145 students each, replacing seven single-level units built in 1981 to accommodate 56 students each. Each floor in the new unit was divided into 6 different modules, with the entire building structure consisting of 18 modules. Unwrapped at the staging area, the modules were trucked to the lifting spot for the crane lifting operation. Figure 4.1 shows an exploded view of a sample dormitory in which each module is clearly visible. Figure 4.2 shows a typical floor layout. Modules ranged from 39,000 lb (17.7 tonnes) to 72,000 lb (32.7 tonnes) in weight and from 22' (6.7 m) x 14' (4.3 m) to 51' (15.5 m) x 14' (4.3 m) in length and width. Due to the nature of typical academic activities, the college established a main time constraint at the beginning of the contract.



Figure 4.1 Building exploded view.

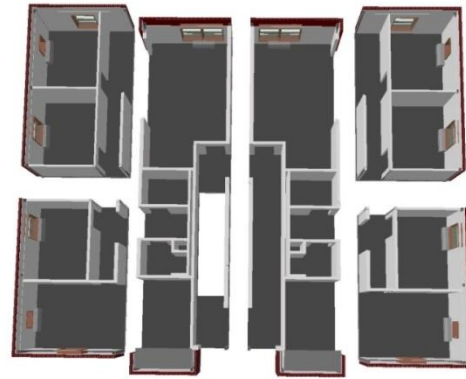


Figure 4.2 Typical floor layout.

Summer break months and early student dismissal from the college created a time window of only 10 weeks for the construction management team to deliver the first three units for student occupancy (August 15). The fourth and fifth units were to be completed by the end of September. The time constraint factor eliminated the stick-building construction option, along with the architectural requirement that the dormitories be built with brick exterior walls. Based on the module construction we proposed to assemble the 5 buildings onsite in three weeks. To manage the tight delivery deadline, a detailed schedule (minute-by-minute) of each operation was created (see Figure 4.4 and Appendix A-02). Figure 4.3 shows an operational flow chart of the assembly operation (Appendix 03). In the highlighted area, spatial coordinates are automatically calculated.

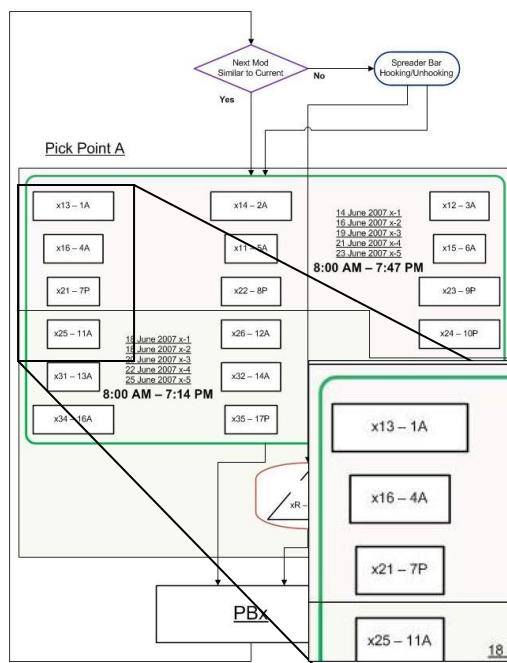


Figure 4.3 Operation flow chart.

oper code	activity/operation	module	start zone	crew	workers time			crane time			finish zone
					p	m	o	p	m	o	
					(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	
21-Jun-07											
901	C	Extend Crane HydBoom	C					8	6	5	C
902	K1	Hooking spreader bar	C	2	12	10	8				C
903	C-sb	Crane next position	C					4	2	1	A
904	T1	Placing Module Trailer	413	-	1	25	20	15			A
905	K2	Hooking Module	413	A	2	20	17	15			A
906	T1	Removing Empty Trailer	A	1	25	20	15				-
907	C-sb	load hoisting up	413	A				3	2	1	-
908	C-sb	load booming up	413					2	1.5	1	-
909	C-sb	load swing	413					3.3	2.7	2	-
910	C-sb	load hoisting down	413					4.2	2.8	2	PB4-1
911	K2	Securing-lifting up	413	PB4-1	2	30	20	15			PB4-1
912	K1	Securing-bolting together	413	PB4-1	2	30	22	15			PB4-1
913	K2	Unhooking	413	PB4-1	2	12	8	8			PB4-1
914	K1	Removing lifting lugs	413	PB4-1	2	16	13	11			PB4-1
915	K3	Welding bottom - one side	413	PB4-1	1	30	20	15			PB4-1
916	K3	Welding bottom - other side	413	PB4-1	1	30	20	15			PB4-1
917	C-sb	Crane next position	PB4-1					3	2	1	A
918	T1	Placing Module Trailer	414	-	1	25	20	15			A
919	K2	Hooking Module	414	A	2	20	17	15			A
920	T1	Removing Empty Trailer	A	1	25	20	15				-
921	C-sb	load hoisting up	414	A				3	2	1	-
922	C-sb	load booming up	414					2	1.5	1	-
923	C-sb	load swing	414					3.3	2.7	2	-
924	C-sb	load hoisting down	414					4.2	2.8	2	PB4-1
925	K2	Securing-lifting up	414	PB4-1	2	30	20	15			PB4-1
926	K1	Securing-bolting together	414	PB4-1	2	25	17	10			PB4-1
927	K2	Unhooking	414	PB4-1	2	12	9	8			PB4-1
928	K1	Removing lifting lugs	414	PB4-1	2	16	13	11			PB4-1
929	K3	Welding bottom - one side	414	PB4-1	1	40	25	20			PB4-1
930	K3	Welding top - mod together	414	PB4-1	1	42	35	30			PB4-1
931	C-sb	Crane next position	PB4-1					3	2	1	C
932	K1	Unhooking spreader bar	C								C
933	C	Crane next position	C	2	12	10	8				A
934	T1	Placing Module Trailer	411	-	1	20	15	10			A
935	K2	Hooking Module	411	A	2	20	17	15			A
936	T1	Removing Empty Trailer	A	1	25	20	15				-
937	C	load hoisting up	411	A				3	2	1	-
938	C	load booming up	411					2	1.5	1	-
939	C	load swing	411					2.8	2	1.7	-
940	C	load hoisting down	411					4	2.5	1.9	PB4-1
941	K2	Securing-lifting up	411	PB4-1	2	25	18	12			PB4-1
942	K1	Securing-bolting together	411	PB4-1	2	20	15	8			PB4-1
943	K2	Unhooking	411	PB4-1	2	9	7	5			PB4-1
944	K1	Removing lifting lugs	411	PB4-1	2	15	11	10			PB4-1
945	K3	Welding top	411	PB4-1	1	25	20	17			PB4-1
946	K3	Welding bottom	411	PB4-1	1	25	20	17			PB4-1
947	C	Crane next position	PB4-1					3	2	1	A
948	T1	Placing Module Trailer	412	-	1	20	15	10			A

Figure 4.4 Schedule (minute-by-minute).

In this figure, the divided shaded square area represents two different days (top and bottom sections, respectively). Modules placed in the top section were to be lifted on the first day while modules in the bottom were to be lifted on the second day. Module descriptions ending with the letter A were lifted from the staging area delivery batch (having arrived onsite a day before), and modules ending with the letter P were delivered to the site the same day as the lift. This way, an entire building was assembled in just two days. Appendix A-04 shows the proposed and actual timetables. Underlined and bold fonts show a sample time record of the site operations. Developed geometric center of each lifted object set-point allowed for automatic calculation of each object's envelope points with a general position of objects pick-point coordinates (Appendix A-05).

Capacity Check

A significant factor that was carefully analyzed had to do with the selection of a crane to lift all modules and place them at their desired locations.

Not only lift capacity was considered in the selection, but also assembly flexibility and site accessibility, especially with regard to ground configuration. From Equation 3.1 total lift weight with spreader bar was calculated:

$$T_W = L_{W1} + SL_W + SB_W = 72,080 + 500 + 5,600 = 78,180 \text{ lb}$$

And without spreader bar lift weight:

$$T_W = L_{W2} + SL_W = 42,460 + 500 = 42,960 \text{ lb}$$

Where:

- T_w - Total lift weight
- L_{w1} - Lift weight₁ max (72,080 lb)
- L_{w2} - Lift weight₂ max (42,460 lb)
- SL_w - Total weight of slings (500 lb)
- SB_w - Total weight of spreader bar (5,600 lb)

Figure 4.5 shows typical under hook configuration with spreader bar and Figure 4.6 load without spreader bar.



Figure 4.5 Large units under hook configuration.

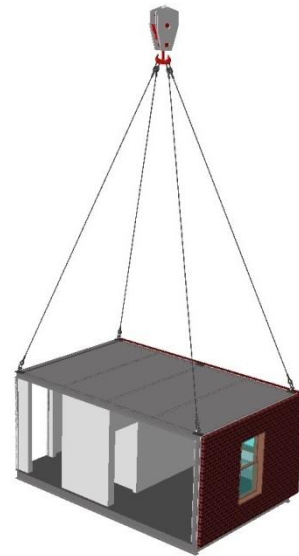


Figure 4.6 Load without spreader bar.

Crane Placement Location and Selection

To properly define the crane position at the construction site, lifted objects' radiuses must be analyzed and optimized. As stated in the methodology section, all the modules' centroids are analyzed to establish the site centroid position. Modules' centroids are evaluated only based on one elevation layout since all building floors are identical. Therefore, for this exercise there are only 30 modules located on the construction site. Figure 4.7 shows part of modules' geometric center coordinate dimensions and site geometric center calculation. For full size drawings refer to Appendix A-12.

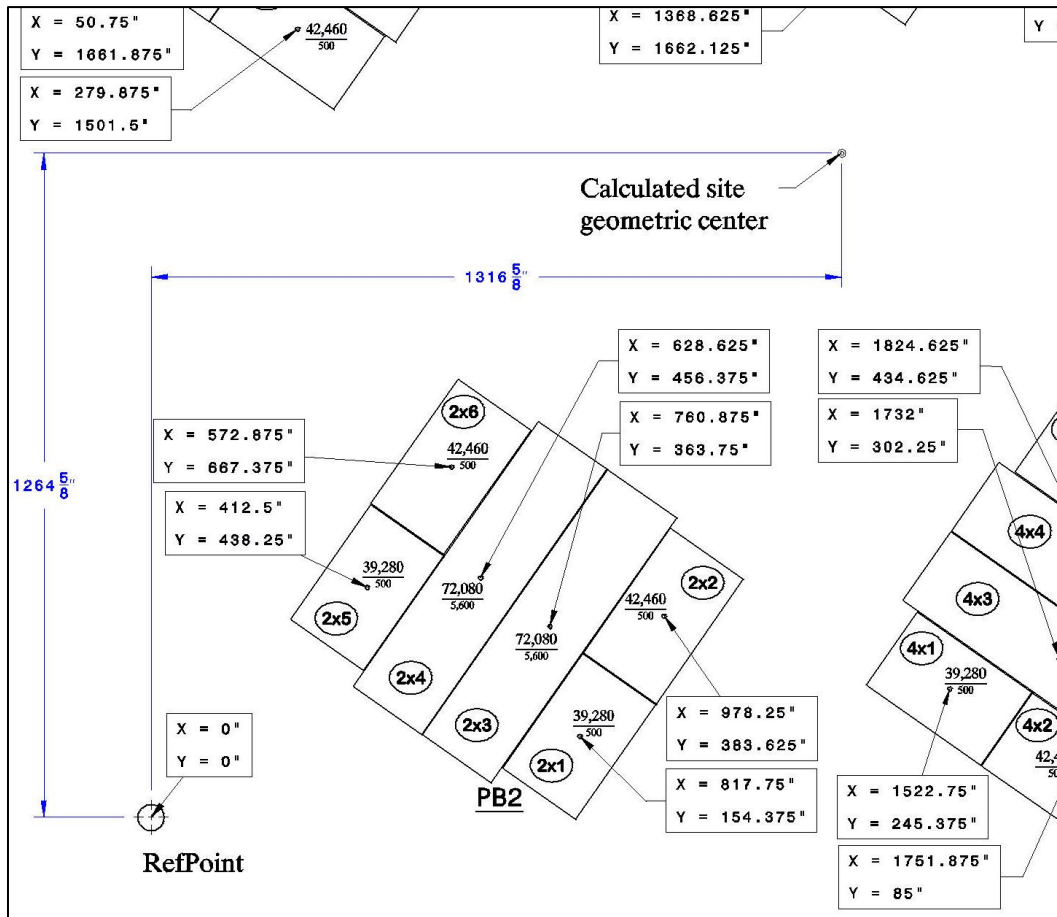


Figure 4.7 Modules geometric center dimensions.

The established reference point is a base for all lifted objects' geometric center position. Each set of three rectangular modules' number are shown in an ellipse, where the first number represents building unit, second (x) elevation, and third module type. There are also two other numbers close to each module's geometric center, the top number being the unit weight and bottom the rigging weight. The smaller units' rigging weight includes slings, but the larger modules' rigging contains spreader bar and slings' weight. Figure

4.8 shows the spreadsheet table where all data for this task is collected. The first column includes the module number (see Figure 4.7), second and third columns show module and spreader bar/slings' weight, and fourth and fifth columns parameters of reference point values. Data related to lifting radiuses will be discussed later.

Module		Spreaderbar /Slings	Reference Point Coordinate	
Module	Weight	Weight	x	y
	[lb]	[lb]	[in]	[in]
1x1	39,280	500	50.750	1661.875
1x2	42,460	500	279.875	1501.500
1x3	72,080	5,600	260.000	1718.750
1x4	72,080	5,600	352.625	1851.125
1x5	39,280	500	334.500	2067.250
1x6	42,460	500	563.750	1906.750
2x1	39,280	500	817.750	154.375
2x2	42,460	500	978.250	383.625
2x3	72,080	5,600	760.875	363.750
2x4	72,080	5,600	628.625	456.375
2x5	39,280	500	412.500	438.250
2x6	42,460	500	572.875	667.375
3x1	39,280	500	1139.500	1822.625
3x2	42,460	500	1368.625	1662.125
3x3	72,080	5,600	1348.750	1879.500
3x4	72,080	5,600	1441.375	2011.750
3x5	39,280	500	1423.250	2227.875
3x6	42,460	500	1652.375	2067.375
4x1	39,280	500	1522.750	245.375
4x2	42,460	500	1751.875	85.000
4x3	72,080	5,600	1732.000	302.250
4x4	72,080	5,600	1824.625	434.625
4x5	39,280	500	1806.500	650.750
4x6	42,460	500	2035.750	490.250
5x1	39,280	500	2277.750	2075.125
5x2	42,460	500	2117.250	1846.000
5x3	72,080	5,600	2334.625	1865.875
5x4	72,080	5,600	2466.875	1773.250
5x5	39,280	500	2683.000	1794.375
5x6	42,460	500	2522.625	1562.125

Figure 4.8 Geometric center calculation data.

The centroid of a set of 30 point masses m_i ($i=1-6$) located at position x_i is:

$$x = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i} = \frac{2,112,214,135}{1,604,200} = 1,316 \frac{5}{8}'' \quad (4.1)$$

The centroid of a set of 30 point masses m_i located at position y_i is:

$$y = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i} = \frac{2,028,754,338}{1,604,200} = 1,264 \frac{5}{8}'' \quad (4.2)$$

The reference point can be established at any position on the construction site. However all analyzed components should be referred to from such a point. After the geometrical center is identified, the next step analyzes the maximum radius for each type of lifted object. Figure 4.9 shows a partial layout of the objects' set-point radiuses. Appendix A-13 shows entire site layout with radiuses calculated from the developed geometric center.

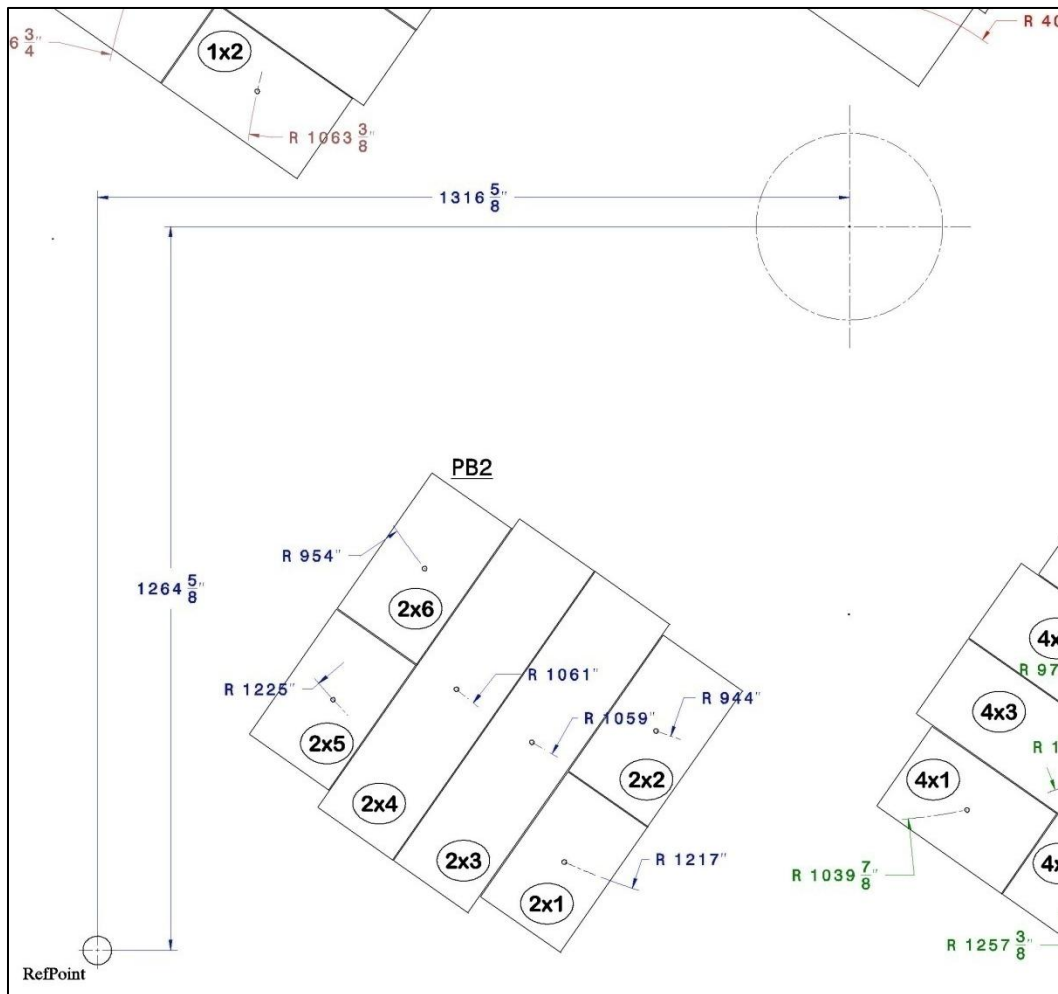


Figure 4.9 Object set-point radiuses.

Module radius analysis establishes critical modules' positions, which influence crane selection. It is helpful to choose the most economical crane configuration that allows lifting of all units at initial set up, without reconfiguring and relocating the unit. Figure 4.10 shows expanded spreadsheet data for each module's maximum lift radius.

	Module		Spreaderbar /Slings	Reference Point Coordinate		Radiuses	
						Pick	Set
	Module	Weight [lb]	Weight [lb]	x [in]	y [in]	-Point [ft-in]	-Point [ft-in]
1	1x1	39,280	500	50.750	1661.875	74'-7"	110'-7"
2	1x2	42,460	500	279.875	1501.500	74'-7"	88'-8"
3	1x3	72,080	5,600	260.000	1718.750	74'-7"	95'-10"
4	1x4	72,080	5,600	352.625	1851.125	74'-7"	94'
5	1x5	39,280	500	334.500	2067.250	74'-7"	104'-11"
6	1x6	42,460	500	563.750	1906.750	74'-7"	82'-6"
19	2x1	39,280	500	817.750	154.375	74'-7"	101'-5"
20	2x2	42,460	500	978.250	383.625	74'-7"	78'-8"
21	2x3	72,080	5,600	760.875	363.750	74'-7"	88'-3"
22	2x4	72,080	5,600	628.625	456.375	74'-7"	88'-6"
23	2x5	39,280	500	412.500	438.250	74'-7"	102'-1"
24	2x6	42,460	500	572.875	667.375	74'-7"	79'-6"
37	3x1	39,280	500	1139.500	1822.625	74'-7"	48'-9"
38	3x2	42,460	500	1368.625	1662.125	74'-7"	38'-5"
39	3x3	72,080	5,600	1348.750	1879.500	74'-7"	51'-4"
40	3x4	72,080	5,600	1441.375	2011.750	74'-7"	63'-2"
41	3x5	39,280	500	1423.250	2227.875	74'-7"	80'-9"
42	3x6	42,460	500	1652.375	2067.375	74'-7"	72'-6"
55	4x1	39,280	500	1522.750	245.375	74'-7"	86'-8"
56	4x2	42,460	500	1751.875	85.000	74'-7"	104'-9"
57	4x3	72,080	5,600	1732.000	302.250	74'-7"	87'-4"
58	4x4	72,080	5,600	1824.625	434.625	74'-7"	81'-1"
59	4x5	39,280	500	1806.500	650.750	74'-7"	65'-5"
60	4x6	42,460	500	2035.750	490.250	74'-7"	88'-1"
73	5x1	39,280	500	2277.750	2075.125	74'-7"	104'-9"
74	5x2	42,460	500	2117.250	1846.000	74'-7"	82'-5"
75	5x3	72,080	5,600	2334.625	1865.875	74'-7"	98'-6"
76	5x4	72,080	5,600	2466.875	1773.250	74'-7"	104'-10"
77	5x5	39,280	500	2683.000	1794.375	74'-7"	122'
78	5x6	42,460	500	2522.625	1562.125	74'-7"	103'-6"

Figure 4.10 Modules coordinate and radiuses data

A crane may be selected based on lifted objects' weight and their final position, but there are other factors, such as price or availability, that may influence which unit should be

employed. Nevertheless, whichever crane will be used it must be able to lift and place specified objects. As the data presented in Figure 4.10 shows, there are three different types of modules that must be assembled. The first type of module is (xx1) and (xx5) with each weighing 39,280 lb plus an additional 500 lb for slings; the second type is (xx2) and (xx6) with each weighing 42,460 lb plus an additional 500 lb for slings; the third type is (xx3) and (xx4) with each weighing 72,080 lb plus an additional 5,600 lb for spreader bars and slings. Each type must be analyzed separately for its lift capacity and a champion unit, with the largest radius selected. These three units will define the minimum radius within which the selected crane must operate. Figure 4.10 shows shaded units 4x2, 5x4 and 5x5 that have radiuses 104'-9", 104'-10" and 122', respectively. Now, activating a crane selection algorithm [Al-Hussein at al. 2001] allows defining the minimum crane configuration for lifted objects. Evaluating all the factors and units' availability, the Demag AC 500-1 mobile hydraulic telescopic boom crane with a lifting capacity of 600 tonnes (500,000 kg) was selected. Figure 4.11 shows a CAD model of employed unit.

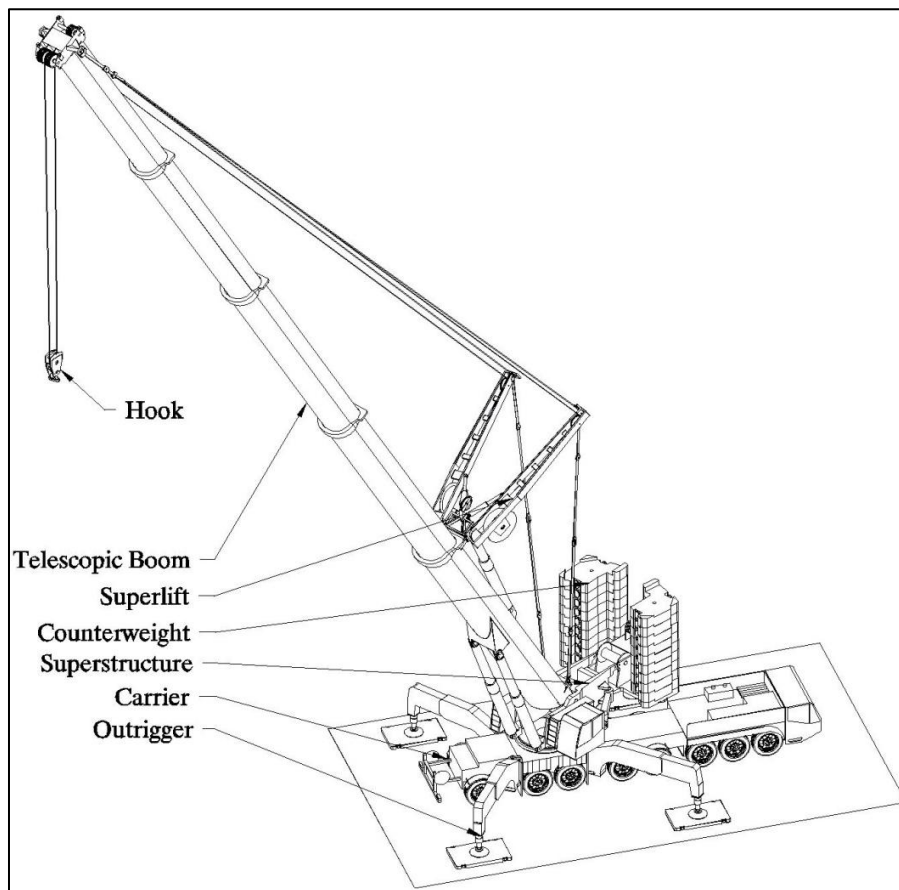


Figure 4.11 Demag AC 500-1 all-terrain hydraulic crane.

The crane may have several different configurations. The chosen configuration has a full extended and pinned boom (183.7'), a superlift that will be attached to the boom, and a superstructure that will carry maximum counterweight balance of 396,900 lb. The manufacturers' lifting capacity chart for the chosen configuration can be seen in Appendix A-14. Figure 4.12 shows an extended spreadsheet from the previous coordinates radiuses analysis and presents selected AC 500-1 crane capacity with calculated lift percentage.

	Module		Spreaderbar /Slings	Reference Point Coordinate		C-weight - 396,900 lb		
						Crane Radius m. boom		
	Module	Weight	Weight	x	y	Set -Point	Capacity at 183.7'	Lift
		[lb]	[lb]	[in]	[in]	[ft-in]	[lb]	%
1	1x1	39,280	500	50.750	1661.875	110'-7"	84,100	47%
2	1x2	42,460	500	279.875	1501.500	88'-8"	109,100	39%
3	1x3	72,080	5,600	260.000	1718.750	95'-10"	100,200	78%
4	1x4	72,080	5,600	352.625	1851.125	94'	100,200	78%
5	1x5	39,280	500	334.500	2067.250	104'-11"	91,000	44%
6	1x6	42,460	500	563.750	1906.750	82'-6"	119,500	36%
19	2x1	39,280	500	817.750	154.375	101'-5"	91,000	43%
20	2x2	42,460	500	978.250	383.625	78'-8"	129,600	33%
21	2x3	72,080	5,600	760.875	363.750	88'-3"	109,100	71%
22	2x4	72,080	5,600	628.625	456.375	88'-6"	109,100	71%
23	2x5	39,280	500	412.500	438.250	102'-1"	91,000	43%
24	2x6	42,460	500	572.875	667.375	79'-6"	119,500	36%
37	3x1	39,280	500	1139.500	1822.625	48'-9"	157,100	25%
38	3x2	42,460	500	1368.625	1662.125	38'-5"	172,400	25%
39	3x3	72,080	5,600	1348.750	1879.500	51'-4"	157,100	49%
40	3x4	72,080	5,600	1441.375	2011.750	63'-2"	143,900	54%
41	3x5	39,280	500	1423.250	2227.875	80'-9"	119,500	33%
42	3x6	42,460	500	1652.375	2067.375	72'-6"	129,600	33%
55	4x1	39,280	500	1522.750	245.375	86'-8"	109,100	36%
56	4x2	42,460	500	1751.875	85.000	104'-9"	91,000	47%
57	4x3	72,080	5,600	1732.000	302.250	87'-4"	109,100	71%
58	4x4	72,080	5,600	1824.625	434.625	81'-1"	119,500	65%
59	4x5	39,280	500	1806.500	650.750	65'-5"	136,800	29%
60	4x6	42,460	500	2035.750	490.250	88'-1"	109,100	39%
73	5x1	39,280	500	2277.750	2075.125	104'-9"	91,000	43%
74	5x2	42,460	500	2117.250	1846.000	82'-5"	119,500	36%
75	5x3	72,080	5,600	2334.625	1865.875	98'-6"	91,000	85%
76	5x4	72,080	5,600	2466.875	1773.250	104'-10"	91,000	85%
77	5x5	39,280	500	2683.000	1794.375	122'	71,800	55%
78	5x6	42,460	500	2522.625	1562.125	103'-6"	91,000	47%

Figure 4.12 Modules' lifting parameters data.

$$MAX R_{xxx} m_{xxx} < R_{max} W$$

$$MAX R_{4x2} < R_{max} W \quad 104' - 9" < 164' \quad (4.3)$$

$$MAX R_{5x4} < R_{max} W \quad 104' - 10'' < 118' \quad (4.4)$$

$$MAX R_{5x5} < R_{max} W \quad 122' < 170' \quad (4.5)$$

Equations 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 show that each module type champion's radius is below crane maximum reach for chosen module capacity. Figure 4.13 shows part of layout top site view with circles of calculated radiuses. For a full drawing with marked maximum radius for each type of selected module refer to Appendix A-15.

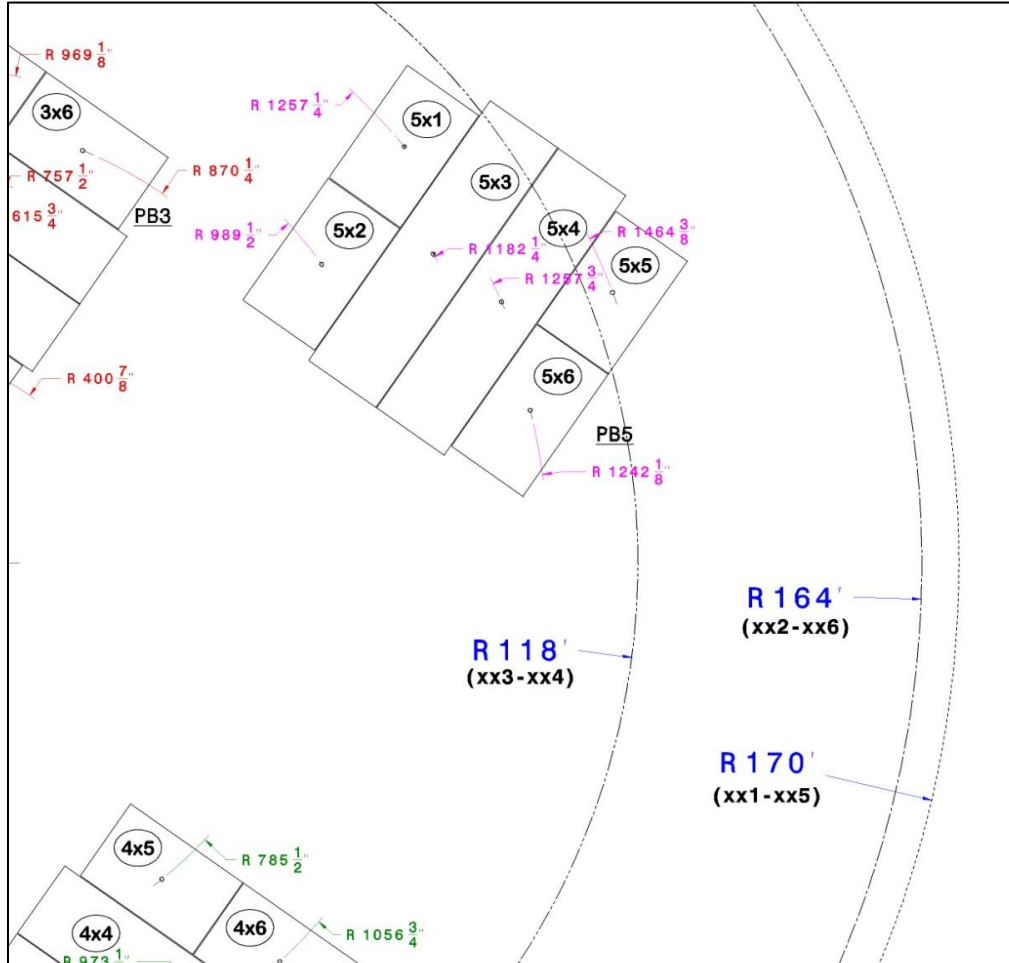


Figure 4.13 Maximum radiuses for each module type.

Confirming the capability of the selected crane is the last task of the crane position and selection section.

Crane Carrier Clearance

This section will calculate the shortest distance of the crane carrier to the site obstructions. Obstructions are defined as independent not lifted objects that reside in the

critical crane working zone. They can also refer to already placed objects. Figure 4.14 shows the selected crane carrier positioned at the site's calculated geometric center with dimensions that are critical for a clearance distance calculation.

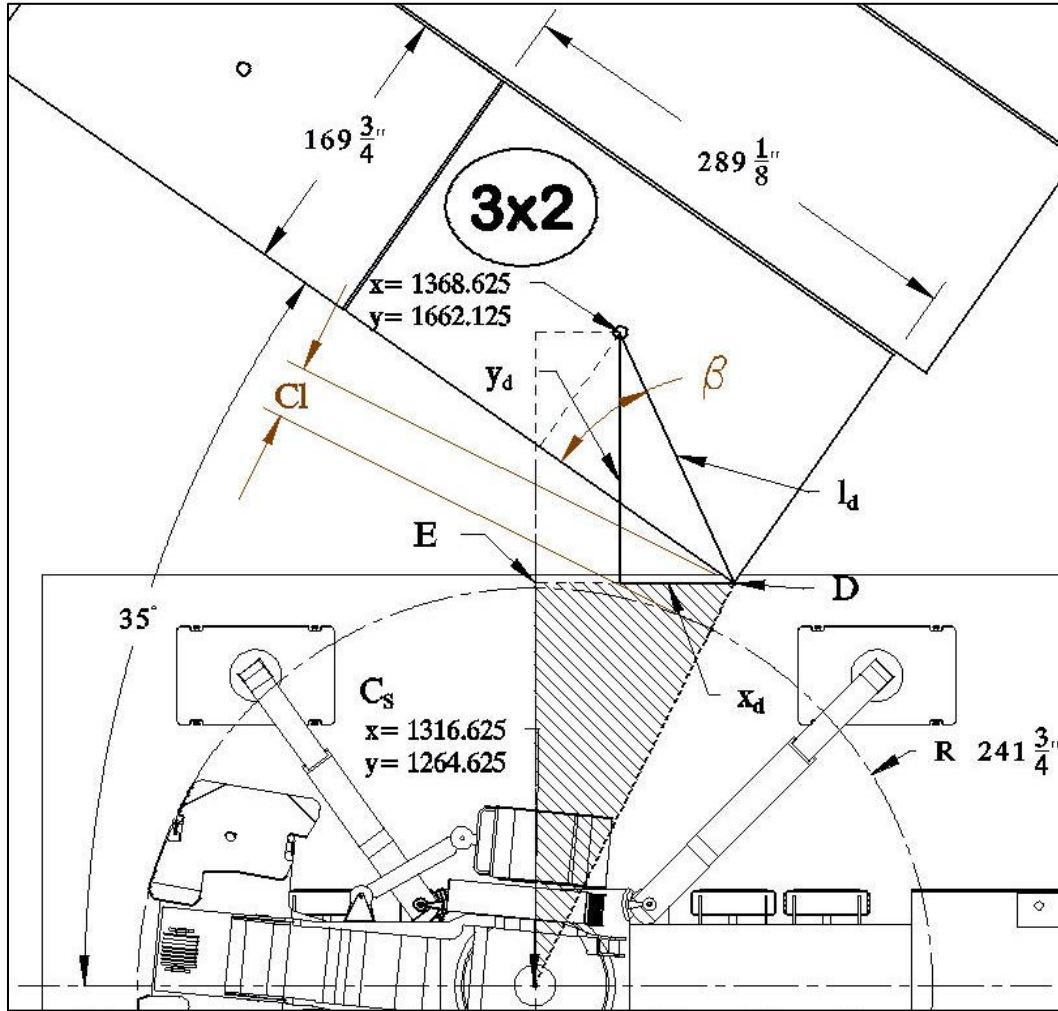


Figure 4.14 Crane carrier clearance calculation.

Lifted object diagonal length equal:

$$l_d = \sqrt{\frac{l^2}{2} + \frac{w^2}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{289.125^2}{2} + \frac{169.75^2}{2}} = 167.375" \quad (4.6)$$

Diagonal (l_d) length angle (β) to object boundary equal:

$$\beta = \arctg \frac{w}{2 * l_d} = \arctg \frac{169.75}{2 * 167.375} = 26.89^\circ \quad (4.7)$$

Top triangle sides (x_d) and (y_d) equal:

$$y_d = l_d * \sin \varepsilon + \beta = 167.375 * \sin 35 + 26.89 = 147.625" \quad (4.8)$$

$$x_d = l_d * \cos \varepsilon + \beta = 167.375 * \cos(35 + 26.89) = 78.875" \quad (4.9)$$

Bottom triangle sides (C_s, E) and (E, D):

$$C_s, E = y_{3x2} - y - y_d = 1662.125 - 1264.625 - 147.625 = 250.125" \quad (4.10)$$

$$E, D = x_{3x2} - x + x_d = 1368.625 - 1316.625 + 78.875 = 130.875" \quad (4.11)$$

Crane carrier clearance (Cl):

$$Cl = \sqrt{y_{3x2} - y - y_d^2 + x_{3x2} - x + x_d^2} - R_{CW}$$

$$Cl = \sqrt{250.125^2 + 130.875^2} - 241.75 = 40.54" \quad (4.12)$$

Total clearance value 40.5" is a sufficient distance to accept final crane position at calculated geometric center point. Minimum value for such clearance should not be less than 3'.

Boom Clearance

Boom radius and tip height calculation. Crane selection allows for confirmation of crane carrier position and all necessary clearances to obstructions, and at the same time allows for a second look at the schedule time frame. The original assembly schedule was designed to build roofs for each building in a traditional way by lifting separate pieces of roof trusses and assembling them on top of each erected building. After evaluating several options, pre-assembly of the roof at a nearby tennis court was opted for, followed by lifting each of the roof units from the assembly location to the desired building. However, while this decision reduced total assembly time, it created additional challenges related to handling very large lifts in the air. An object with a large surface area lifted above the ground behaves like a sail where even an imperceptible wind speed can pose problems. It was also found that the predetermined lift sequences created a difficult situation with the last roof lift. The lift was carefully analyzed and in this particular situation, lift operation had to be performed at the end of the assembly process. In order to accomplish this final lift, the crane had to be equipped with an additional boom extension. This came up after the crane boom clearance calculation was already performed. First, to calculate the boom angle and tip height, scenario 3 of boom clearance analysis was deployed. Parameters were known for crane length, added extension length, and lift radius. The closest tennis court area to the crane set-point position was considered for assembling the building roof. It was difficult to predict what can or cannot be

assembled on the roof, before calculations were performed. The confirmed roof lift radius and boom clearance to adjusted building would drive roof maximum weight. Figure 4.15 shows parameters for crane lift radius calculation.

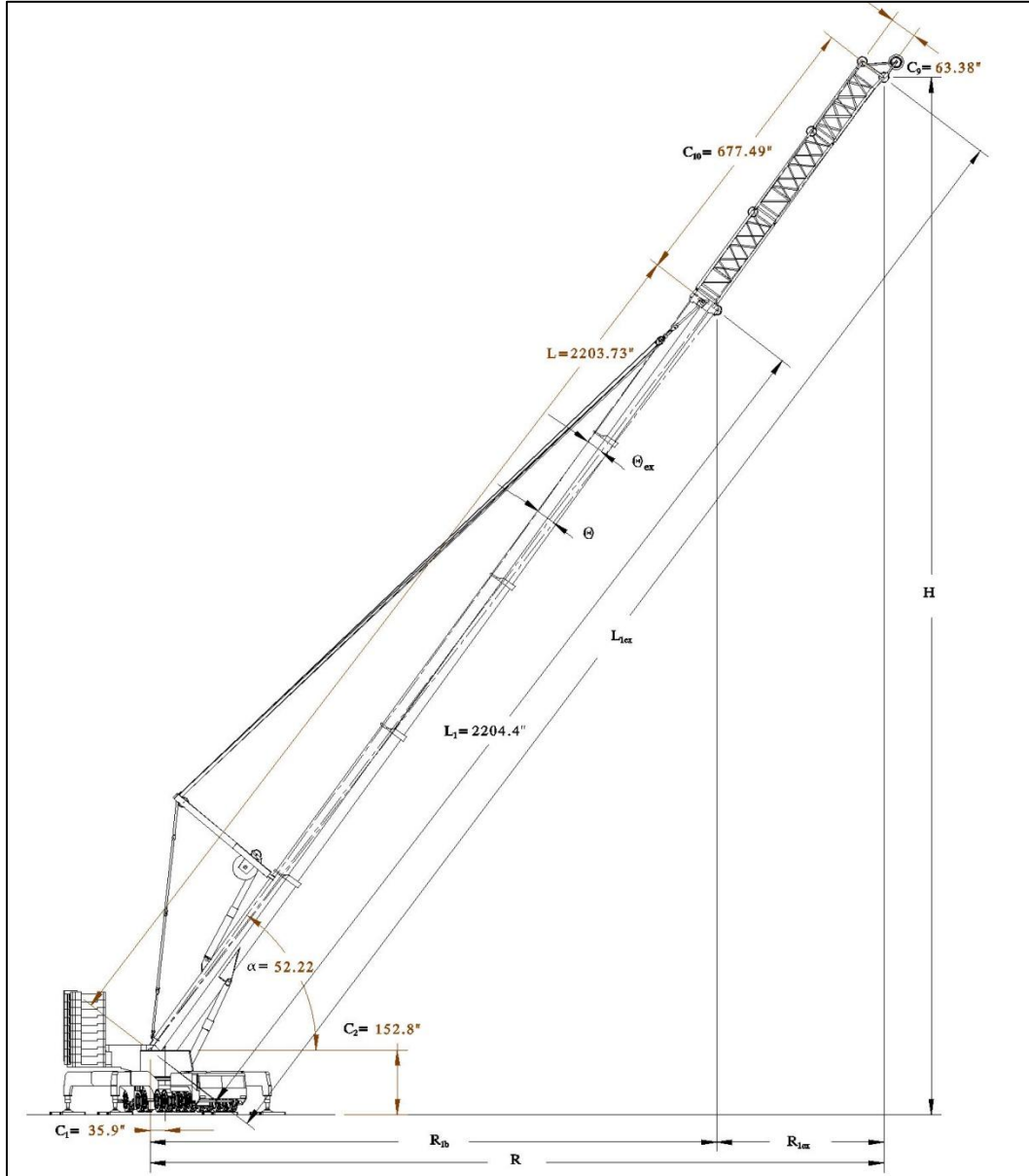


Figure 4.15 Scenario 3 method analysis

Extension sheave center to boom line angle:

$$\theta_{ex} = \tan^{-1} \frac{C_9}{L + C_{10}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{63.379}{2203.728 + 677.468} = 1.26^\circ \quad (4.13)$$

Main boom sheave center to boom line angle:

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{L}{L_1} = \cos^{-1} \frac{2203.728}{2204.398} = 1.41^\circ \quad (4.14)$$

Main boom radius at boom angle (α):

$$R_{1b} + C_1 = L_1 * \cos \alpha - \theta = 2204.398 * \cos 52.22 - 1.41 = 1392.9" \quad (4.15)$$

Then extension length (L_{1ex}):

$$L_{1ex} = \sqrt{L + C_{10}^2 + C_9^2} = \sqrt{2203.728 + 677.468^2 + 63.379^2}$$

$$L_{1ex} = 2881.893" \quad (4.16)$$

Extension radius projection (L_{1ex}):

$$R_{1ex} = L_{1ex} * \cos \alpha - \theta_{1ex} - R_{1b} = 2881.893 * \cos 52.22 - 1.26 - 1392.9$$

$$R_{1ex} = 422.3" \quad (4.17)$$

Lift radius (R) at boom angle (α):

$$R = R_{1ex} + R_{1b} - C_1 = 422.3 + 1392.9 - 115.2 = 1700" \quad (4.18)$$

Total boom height (H) at boom angle (α):

$$H = L_{1ex} * \cos \alpha - \theta_{1ex} + C_2 = 2881.893 * \cos 52.22 - 1.26 + 152.8$$

$$H = 1968" \quad (4.19)$$

After evaluating the configuration crane lift table for maximum radius 1700" [141'-8"], the maximum load that can be used is 56,900 lb.

Boom clearance to slope surface analysis. When crane configurations are checked for crane radiuses, with and without boom extension, the next step evaluates boom clearance distance to obstruction. Figure 4.16 shows a top layout of crane boom position in relation to close obstruction. First, the boom offset angle (α_B) calculation is used:

$$\alpha_B = \alpha - \theta_{1ex} = 52.22 - 1.26 = 50.96^\circ$$

Then the true length angle (λ) is calculated (see Figure 3.18):

$$\lambda = \tan^{-1} \frac{h + j \tan \delta}{R \tan \alpha_B} = \tan^{-1} \frac{251 + 1454.8 * \tan 45^\circ}{1700 * \tan 51^\circ}$$

$$\lambda = 39^\circ$$

(4.20)

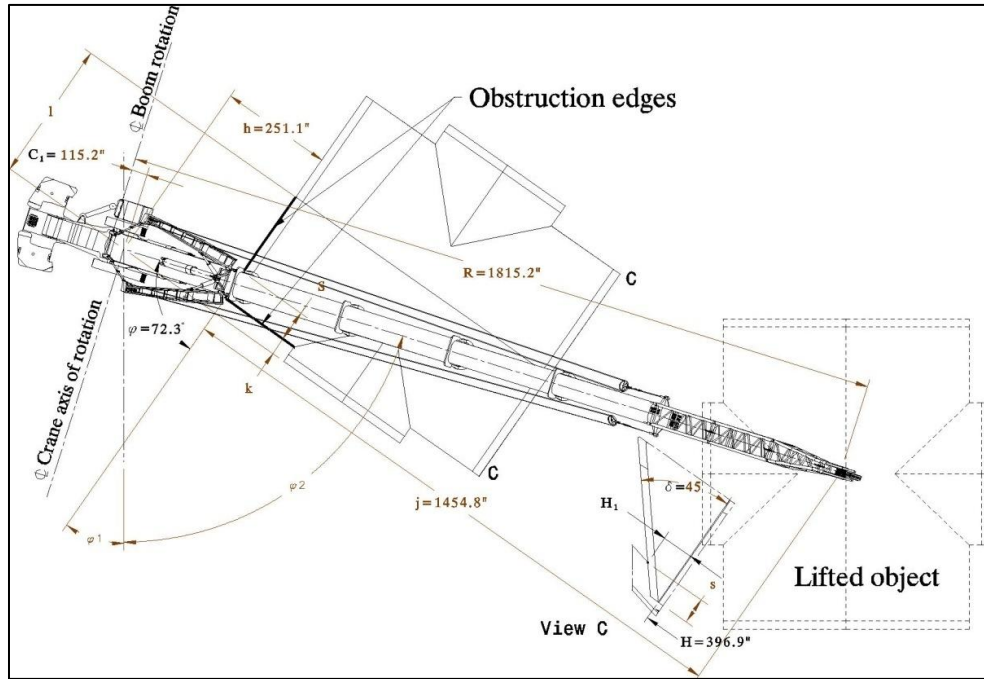


Figure 4.16 Boom obstruction plan view – numerical.

The clearance (K) value is the closest crane boom distance to the obstruction edge. In Figure 4.16 the boom section is just above the closest distance to obstruction. Figure 4.17 shows a computer generated picture of CAD model of boom proximity to sloped roof. Figure 4.18 shows the picture of the actual crane boom position.

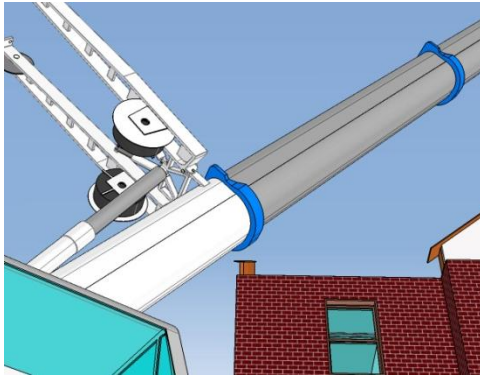


Figure 4.17 Computer image of clearance.



Figure 4.18 Actual picture of clearance.

Based on final equation 3.34 clearance (K) value is calculated:

$$K = \frac{1}{W} \left[R - \frac{H - C_2}{\tan \alpha_B} - \frac{D}{2 \sin \alpha_B} \sin \varphi - \frac{B}{2} \cos \varphi - j \right]$$

But first the parameter (W) must be calculated:

$$W = \frac{1 + \sin^2 \lambda \cos \delta}{\cos \lambda} = \frac{1 + \sin^2 39 \cos 45}{\cos 39} = 2.06 \quad (4.21)$$

Final clearance distance (K) where $D=50''$ and $B=72''$:

$$K = \frac{1}{2.06} \left(1700 - \frac{396.9 - 152.8}{\tan 51^\circ} - \frac{50}{2 \sin 51^\circ} \sin 72.3^\circ - \frac{72}{2} \cos 72.3^\circ - 1454.8 \right) = 8.75'' \quad (4.22)$$

Calculated clearance (K) is less than one foot, and to increase this dimension to the MOD value, an additional extension is required. This created another problem due to increased lift radius and at the same time reduced lifting weight capacity. The lifted roof was already “stripped” from shingles layer to keep its maximum weight just below 56,900 lb. The lift was performed at defined boom radius 1700” (141’-8”) but additional safety precautions were implemented. It was observed that clearance (K) was reduced to approximately three inches during the initial lift due to boom spring deflection under the load.

Early discoveries of potential difficulties with roof placement, along with the relocation of the roof construction process to the nearby tennis court, allowed planners to remove the entire operation from the main critical-path schedule. Dealing with last-minute changes of object pick-point did not halt the construction assembly, but instead affected site managers’ decisions by making them rely on computer-simulated results. Being aware of troubled tasks allows managers to properly redirect resources, create time safety buffers, or simply relax the schedule. Each decision depends on particular circumstances and individual interpretation, but was optimized in the present situation. The successful CAD assemblies of simulation, animation, interference checks with trajectory, and crane movements made decision makers more confident that downstream operations would succeed.

4.2 Spatial Trajectory Analysis for Crane Lifting Operation

Problem Definition

The Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania construction site had a ground slope of about 7° . The site was classified as too difficult to operate in the traditional way

of the stick-building method. However, assembling entire buildings from large modular units meant that specific crane lifting expert knowledge and detailed lift analyses were required. The modular components were manufactured several miles from the site and delivered to the construction site. Each piece was covered for transportation, delivered, and hooked to the crane and placed at the desired location. The objectives were to optimize lifting activities, predefine potential problems before, during, and after each lift, and assist rigging and site management to coordinate crane operations.

During the lift assembly operation, the crane operator was unable to control the rotation of the hanging object even though he had assistance from two rigging workers holding tag-lines. The heavy load slowly responded to the pulling action and, during this time, rotation of the crane boom's load swung toward an obstruction. Further analyses of swing load behavior and trajectory paths were recommended on the eve of the final day of the project.

Algorithm Evaluation

Analysis of the lifted object trajectory is critical, and the presented algorithm in this section is based on the assumptions that; each crane action is assigned as a single operation, for example, rotation is represented as an arc, booming up, down, and radial displacement are represented as line. No combination movements, such as booming and rotating at the same time are assessed. A numerical example validates presented analysis in the methodology chapter.

Phase 1;-Object Pick-Point Optimization: The phase uses Method A to analyze centroid point for provided area. The centroid method calculation was presented in the methodology section with equations 3.2 and 3.3. Calculation of the area centroid point does not account for mass and that factor has 1 value for all x and y parameters. Coordinate x for pick area geometric center calculation:

$$x = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{4} = \frac{218.83 + 430.43 + 624.6 + 413}{1,604,200} = 421.21" \quad (4.23)$$

And coordinate y for input pick area:

$$y = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{4} = \frac{1177.04 + 1468.28 + 1327.2 + 1036}{4} = 1,252.13" \quad (4.24)$$

Figure 4.19 shows the input pick area and calculation of lifted object pick-point. Coordinate values for x and y parameters define the maximum pick radius ($R\ 74'8''$), which must be between crane R_{\min} ($R-348''$) and R_{\max} ($R-2040''$).

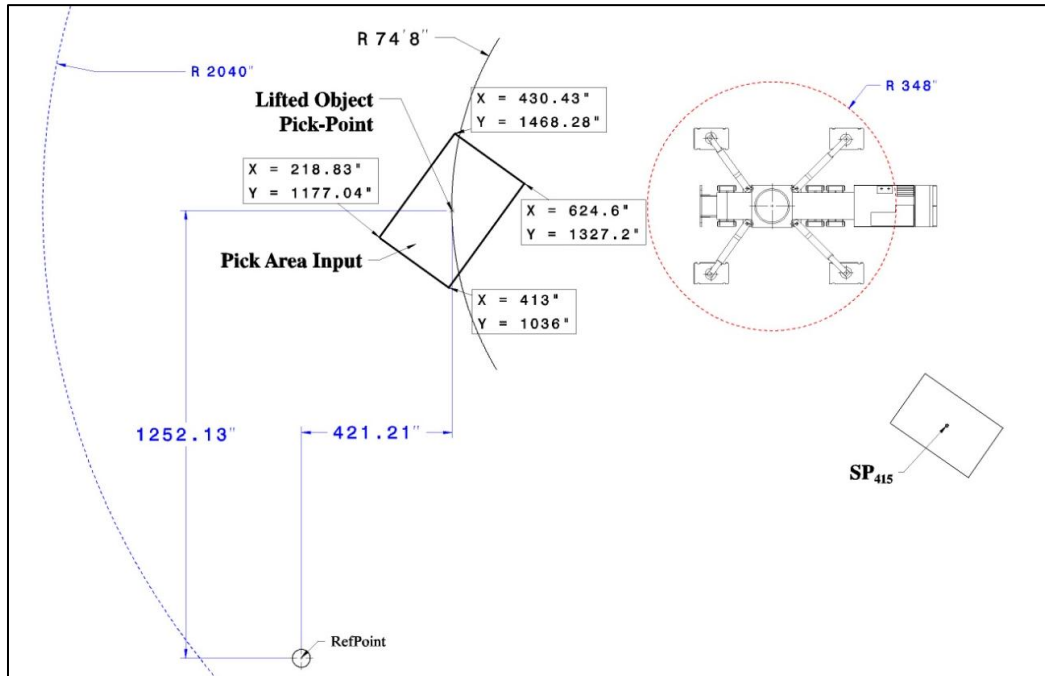


Figure 4.19 Object pick-point calculation.

Pick-point coordinate values are $x=421.21''$ and $y=1252.13''$. Placing the lifted object in the calculated spot required additional information about lifted object orientation, which was provided as an input parameter.

Phase 2;-Crane Boom Obstruction Region Analysis (CBR): The phase will identify the restricted area for boom operation. Figure 4.20 shows crane boom section dimension values.

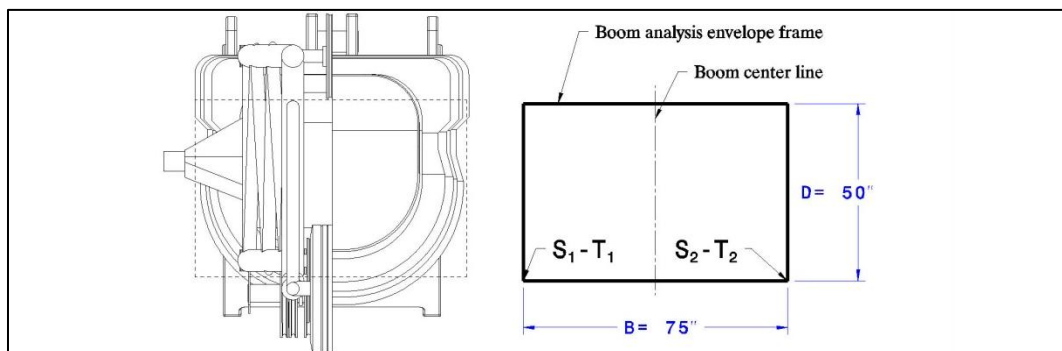


Figure 4.20 Boom section dimension value.

Using only the closest point of an analyzed obstruction simplifies calculation and speeds the operation to recognize which obstruction is in conflict with the crane boom envelope. The mathematical calculation of the closest obstruction point's radius, vertical displacement overlays the crane boom envelope position at radius R-2040" and identifies intersections. Conflict obstructions are identified. Figure 4.22 shows graphically projected results of this analysis. It shows that the crane boom intersects only four obstructions (TOA₁, POA₁, POA₂₁ and TOA₃), and these obstructions' restricted area will be calculated.

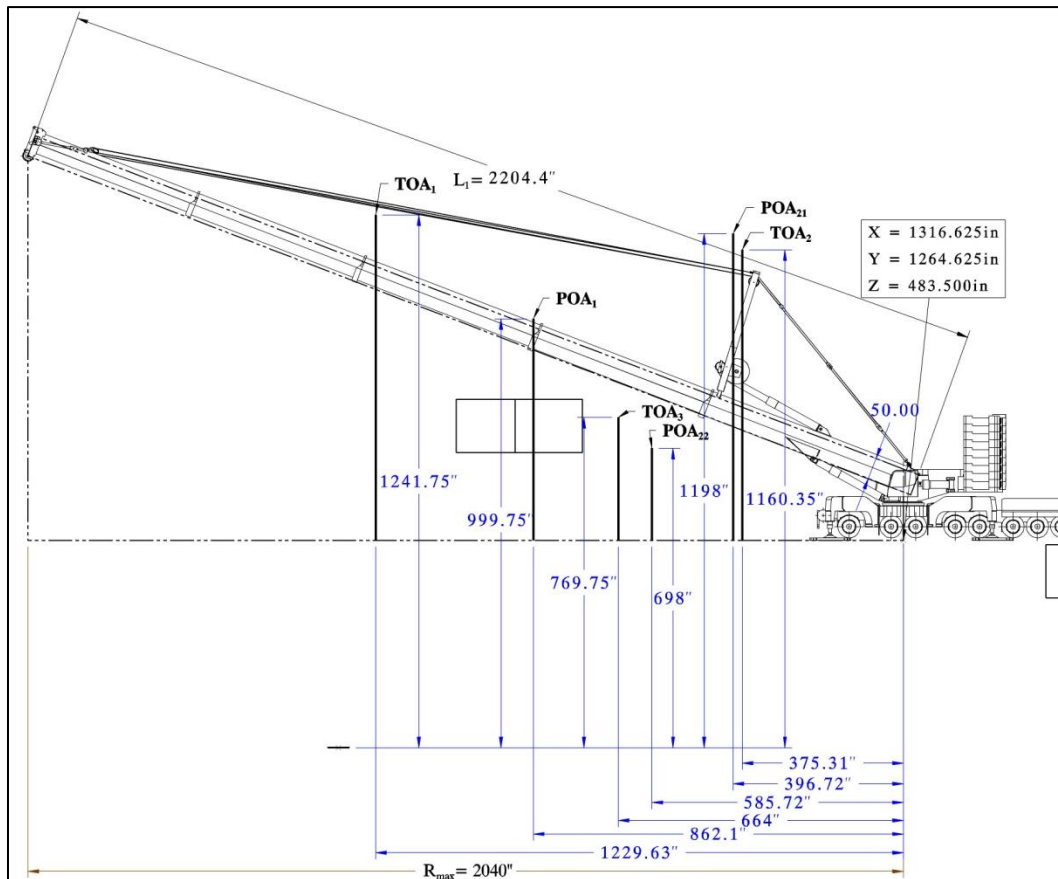


Figure 4.22 Obstruction conflict analysis result.

To clear the intersecting obstructions the crane must be lifted to above the highest point at MOD distance. At that position, the crane boom tip point projection establishes the maximum radius for the particular obstruction area. Figure 4.23 shows calculated maximum radiuses for the closest point of intersecting obstructions. Closest points have a clearance distance 36", which is the established input value for MOD. Rectangular shapes represent crane boom envelopes and the length of the maximum boom tip position.

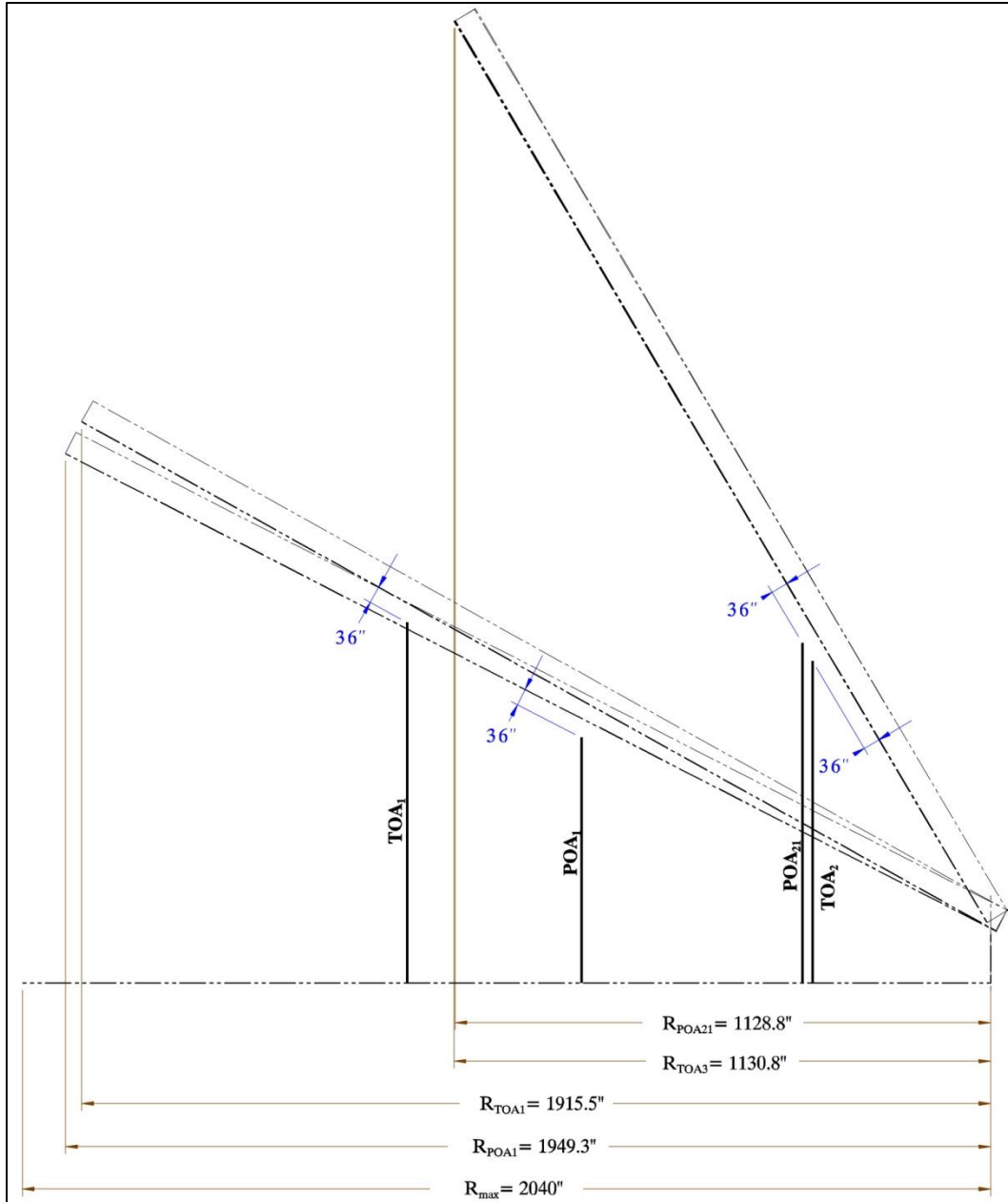


Figure 4.23 Crane boom obstruction maximum radiuses.

The calculated maximum radius for each intersecting obstruction required additional layout boundary offsets radial lines to conclude the area development. They will secure only that portion of the maximum outside radius that directly refers to a particular object. The layout boundary is developed by offsetting obstruction shape by dimension value B' (see equation 4.24). As a result the safety buffer around obstructions is secured. Figure 4.24 shows obstruction offsets, tangent lines, and the imported maximum radius. It shows a shaded area that represents crane boom regions (CBRs). The CBR secures a restricted

area for crane boom movement and is created by a joint operation for all individual obstructions. The CBR area is stored and will be used later in the analysis.

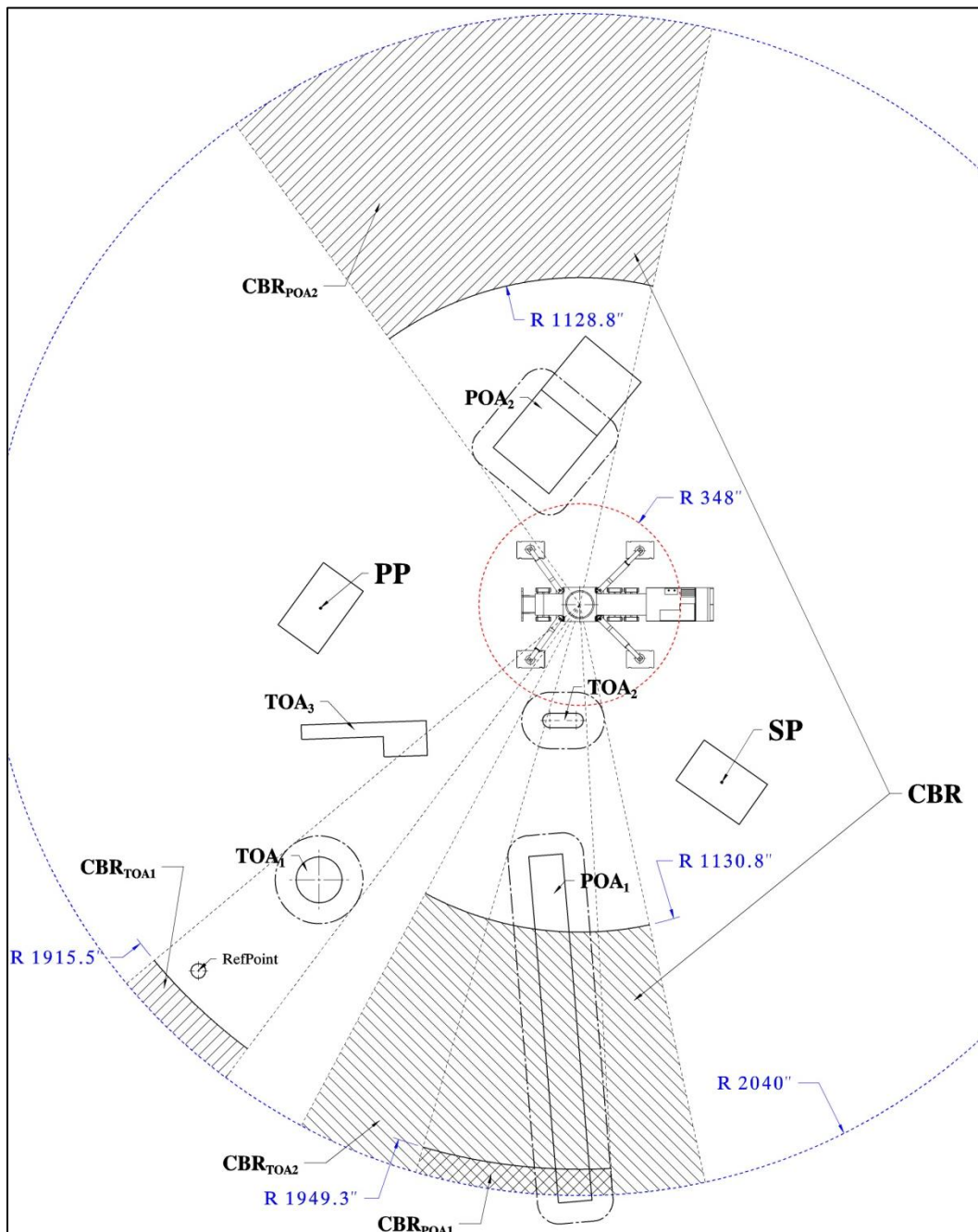


Figure 4.24 Crane boom region calculation.

Phase 3:-Crane Superlift Obstruction Region Analysis (CSR): This phase is not activated because the analyzed crane configuration does not have a wheeled superlift attachment section.

Phase 4:-Object Crane Simplified Trajectory (CST) Path: This phase creates simplified trails in both directions for the lifted object from pick-point (PP) to set-point (SP). The CST path is created at crane elevation. Figure 4.25 shows CST paths for non-reflex trajectory (NRT) angle and reflex trajectory angle (RT).

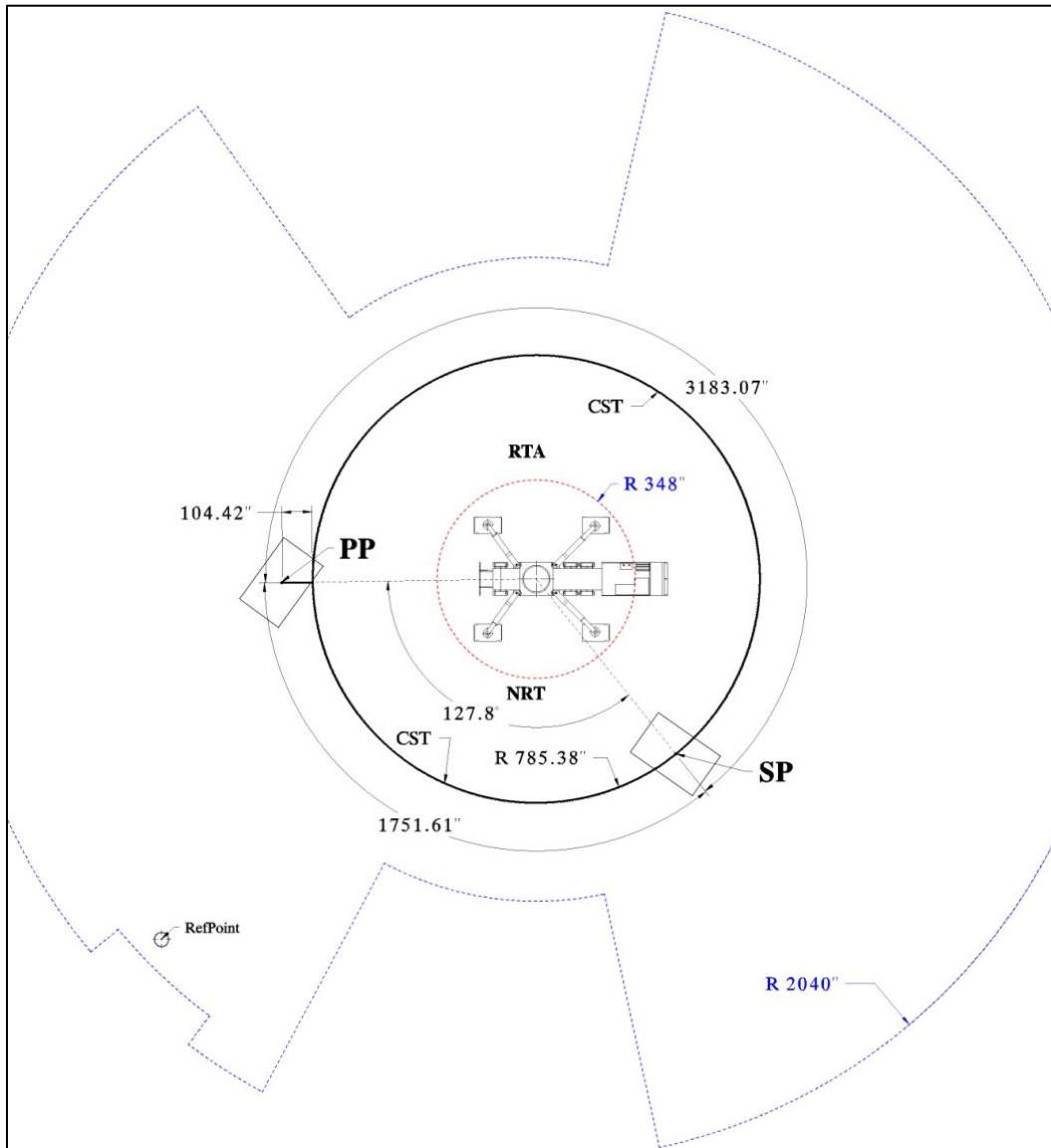


Figure 4.25 Crane simplified trajectory paths.

The CST path starts as a radial line (due to an SP radius -785.38" smaller than PP radius - 889.8") from PP to meet the arc created at the SP maximum radius. The path can continue in NRT or RT sections. The NRT section total length equals 1856.03", while the RT section path total length equals 3287.5". The CST path is the basis for developing elevation paths. To create both directions' trajectory possibilities, all available solutions

for a particular crane-object tandem configuration are evaluated. Developed CST paths are stored for further analysis.

Phase 5;-Elevations Definition and Validation: This phase helps identify working elevations. The vertical order (VO-2) rule (see Table 3.2) creates k_1 elevation plane at PP base offset surface called the minimum level. Figure 4.26 shows final results of implementing the VO-2 rule.

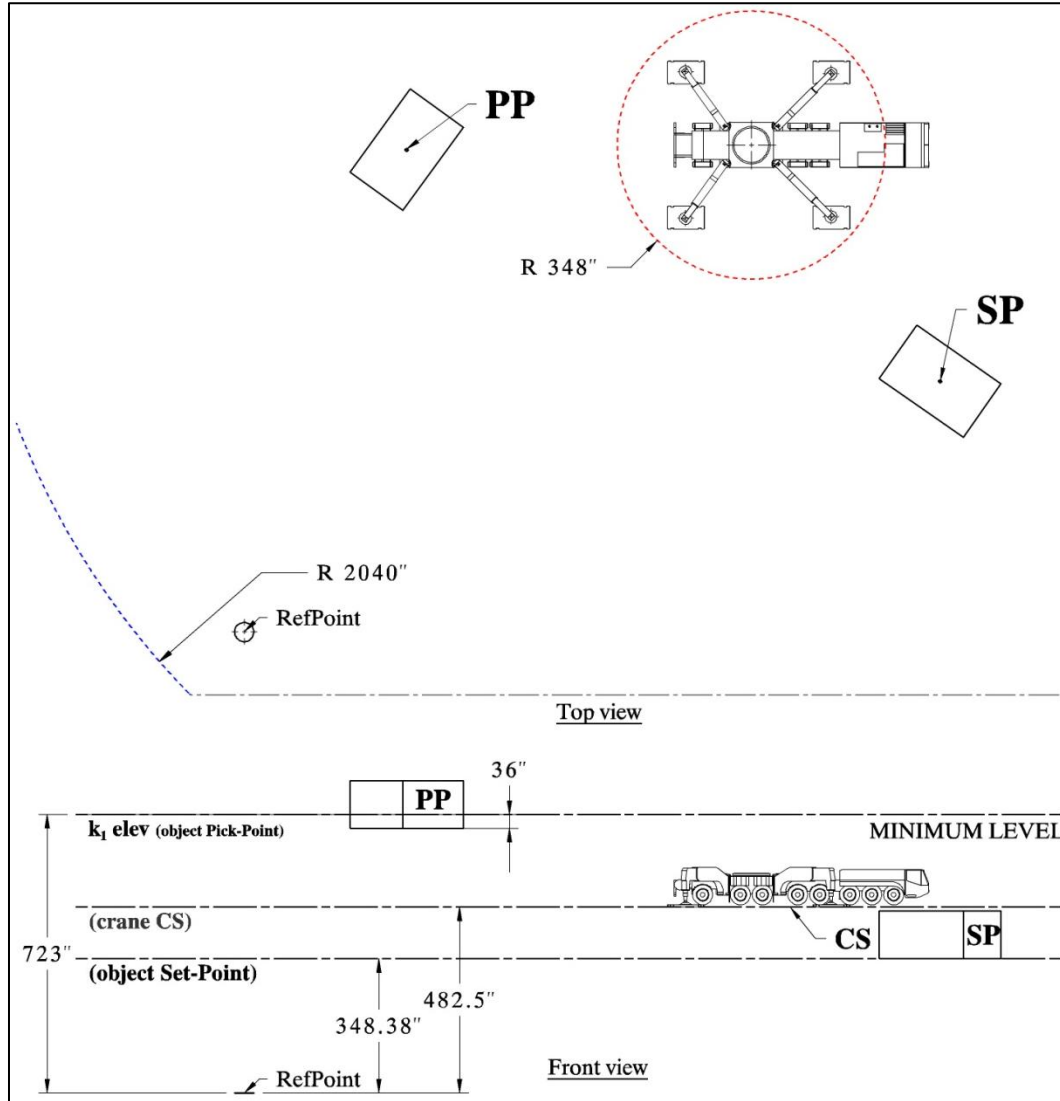


Figure 4.26 Vertical Order and minimum elevation.

The minimum elevation level creates a plane bottom boundary for elevation development. At this lift configuration the SP requires vertical connection only. The next task creates the maximum level boundary limit. The maximum elevation boundary does

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Rigging height (RG_H) calculation:

Followed by the maximum boundary elevation calculation:

$$M. LEVEL = H_B - RG_H - MOD = 2287 - 667.3 - 36 + 482.5 = 2066.2" (4.27)$$

Object width, rigging height (RG_H), and MOD clearance must be maintained from the crane's tip point. This establishes the new minimum radius R_{MLmin} for the maximum boundary level, which is as follows:

$$R_{MLmin} \geq R_{min} \quad 516.7" > 348" \quad (4.28)$$

The analyzed obstructions may create working elevations k only between the minimum and maximum boundaries. Obstruction elevations analysis requires recognition of the crane object lift area (COLA), which covers the maximum area where an object may come into contact with possible obstructions. In this case the R_{max} circle is offset by the diagonal object length with an added MOD distance. Figure 4.28 shows the COLA layout area of recognized obstructions.

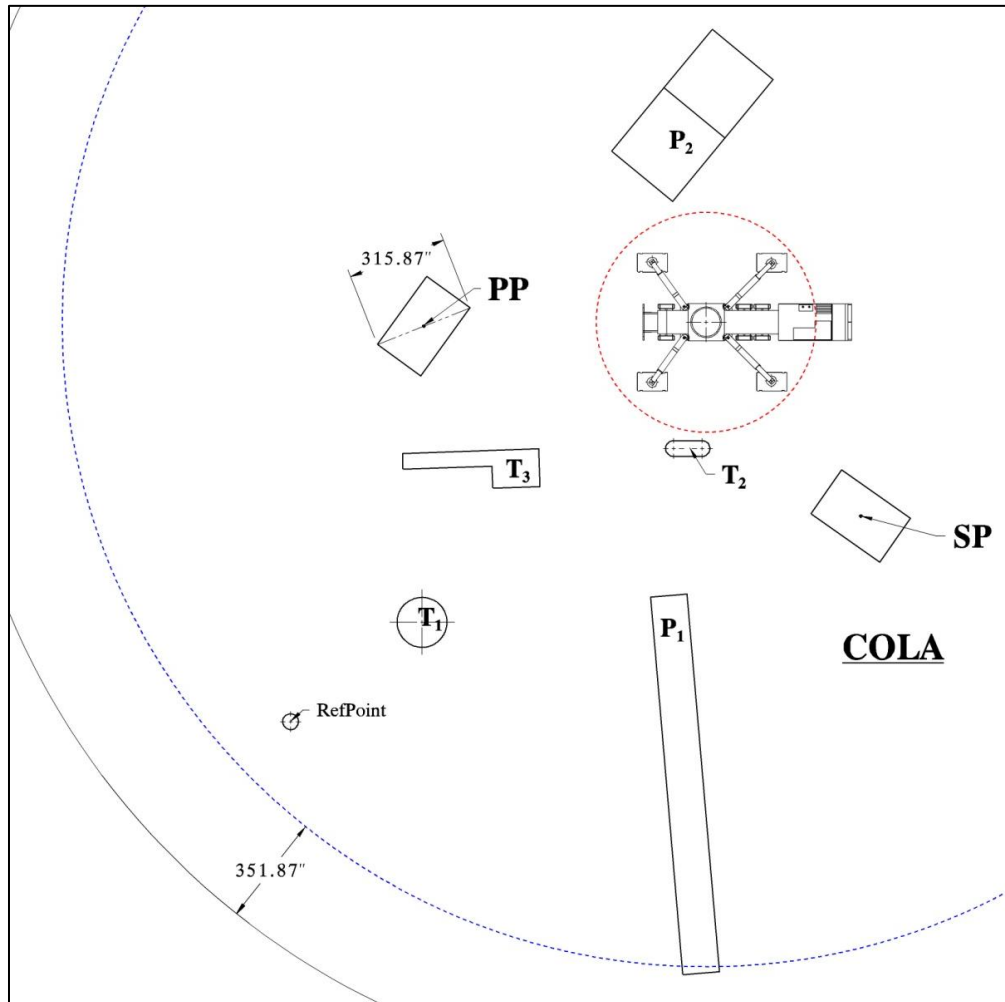


Figure 4.28 COLA development area and obstructions.

There are five obstructions in the COLA area. Each obstruction height will be analyzed for possibility of creating an elevation working plane. Figure 4.29 shows the elevation view and assigned elevation working planes.

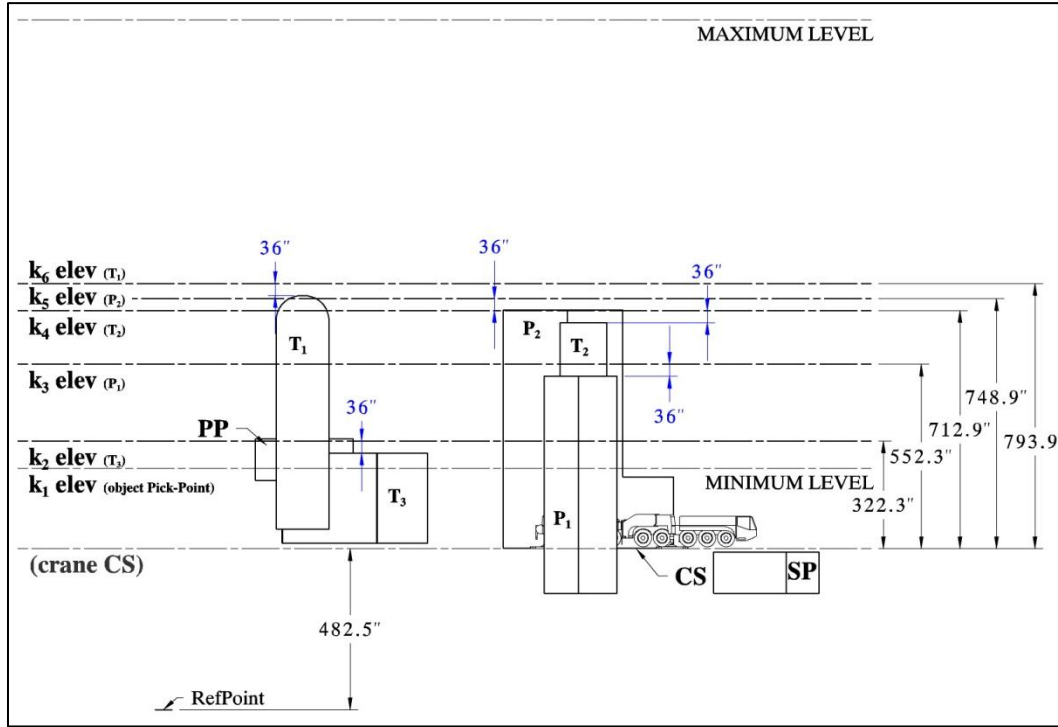


Figure 4.29 Working elevation definition.

Obstruction T₂ has two different heights, but only the tallest creates the elevation working plane due to the lower height residing below the minimum boundary level. There are six elevation working planes created for trajectory analysis. They are referenced from the crane CS point elevation.

Phase 6;-Anchored and Floating Obstructions Analysis: This phase completes its tasks on each elevation separately. It starts with validation and if necessary calculation of the minimum and maximum elevation radiuses. Because elevation radiuses deviate at the highest elevation, the validation procedure starts from the k₆ elevation working plane.

$$R_{max k} = \sqrt{L_B^2 - RG_H + k_n - C_h^2} \quad (4.29)$$

$$L_B^2 = L_1^2 + D^2 = 2204.4^2 + 50^2 = 4861879.4$$

$$R_{max 6} = \sqrt{4861879.4 - 667.3 + 793.9 - 152.8^2} = 1774.82"$$

$$R_{max\ 6} < R_{max} \quad 1774.82 < 2040 \quad (4.30)$$

$$R_{max\ 5} = \frac{4861879.4 - 667.3 + 748.9 - 152.8}{2} = 1807.13"$$

$$R_{max\ 5} < R_{max} \quad 1807.13 < 2040 \quad (4.31)$$

$$R_{max\ 4} = \frac{4861879.4 - 667.3 + 712.9 - 152.8}{2} = 1831.77"$$

$$R_{max\ 4} < R_{max} \quad 1831.77 < 2040 \quad (4.32)$$

$$R_{max\ 3} = \frac{4861879.4 - 667.3 + 552.3 - 152.8}{2} = 1929.72"$$

$$R_{max\ 3} < R_{max} \quad 1929.72 < 2040 \quad (4.33)$$

$$R_{max\ 2} = \frac{4861879.4 - 667.3 + 322.3 - 152.8}{2} = 2040.01"$$

$$R_{max\ 2} > R_{max} \quad 2040.01 > 2040 \quad (4.34)$$

The calculated results show that the left side of equations 4.30, 4.31, 4.32 and 4.33 were smaller than the right side; meaning that the maximum elevations radiuses were smaller than the crane maximum R_{max} for this load. Only the calculated maximum radius at elevation k_2 was larger than crane R_{max} , and in this situation R_{max} creates the elevation outside the boundary.

The next step checks the position of elevation $R_{min\ k}$, which must satisfy equation 4.35:

$$R_{min\ k} = L_1 \cos \beta_k - C_1 \quad (4.35)$$

$$\beta_6 = 83.62^\circ$$

$$R_{min\ 6} = L_1 \cos \beta - C_1 = 2204.04 * \cos 83.62 - 35.44 = 209.54"$$

$$R_{min\ 6} < R_{min} \quad 209.54 < 348 \quad (4.36)$$

It is not necessary to calculate lower elevations $R_{min\ k}$ since $R_{min\ 6}$ is already lower than R_{min} (see equation 4.36). For analysis R_{min} is transferred to each elevation and acts as elevation $R_{min\ k}$.

Once $R_{max\ k}$ and $R_{min\ k}$ are calculated, the next step projects the CST path onto each elevation plane and recognizes anchored and floating obstructions. Figure 4.30 shows the elevation k_1 projected CST path, analyzed area, and recognized obstructions offsets.

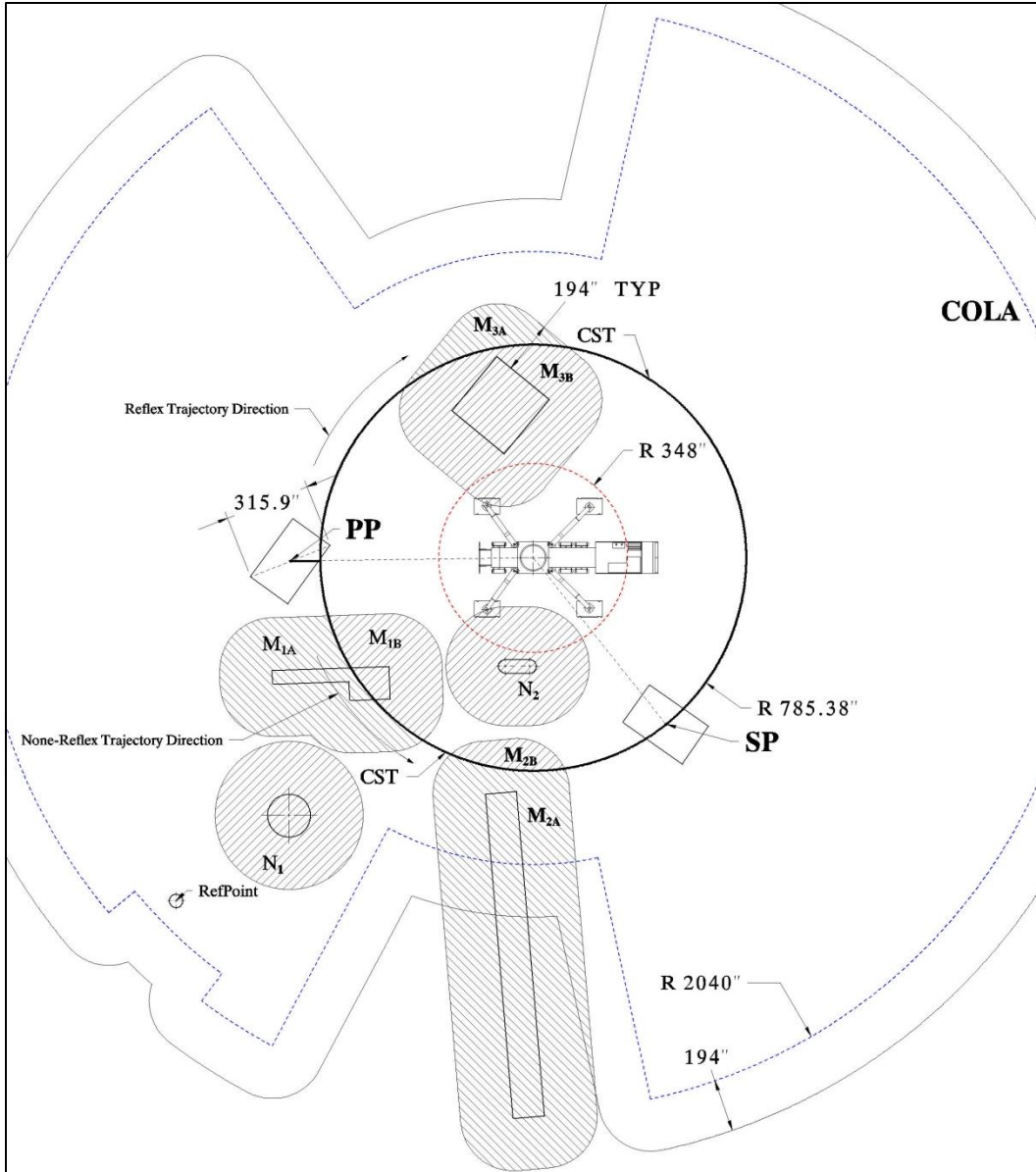


Figure 4.30 Elevation k_1 path and obstruction recognition.

The analyzed area is offset (L') value, which creates elevation COLA.

$$L' = \frac{L_d}{2} + MOD = \frac{315.9}{2} + 36 = 194" \quad (4.37)$$

In created COLA obstructions are recognized and the offset is applied to obstruction boundaries. Convex corners are automatically rounded to (L') radius value. Obstruction offset areas, which intersect the CST paths, are renamed to anchored “M” obstruction offsets, and those which do not intersect the CST path are renamed to floating “N” obstruction offsets. Anchored obstruction offsets are divided into A and B parts by the

CST path. Parts A resides outside the CST path, parts B inside. Figure 4.30 shows the anchored obstruction offsets divided by CST paths. At elevation k_1 , $R_{\min 1}$ and $R_{\max 1}$ are the same as crane R_{\min} and R_{\max} , respectively. For the next five elevation paths and obstruction recognition refer to Appendix A-16 through Appendix A-20, respectively.

Phase 7:-Elevation Trajectory Path Development: This phase creates complete or partial paths at each recognized elevation. Already calculated CST paths are modified depending on identified elevation obstruction offsets. Figure 4.31 shows the developed trajectory path for elevation k_1 .

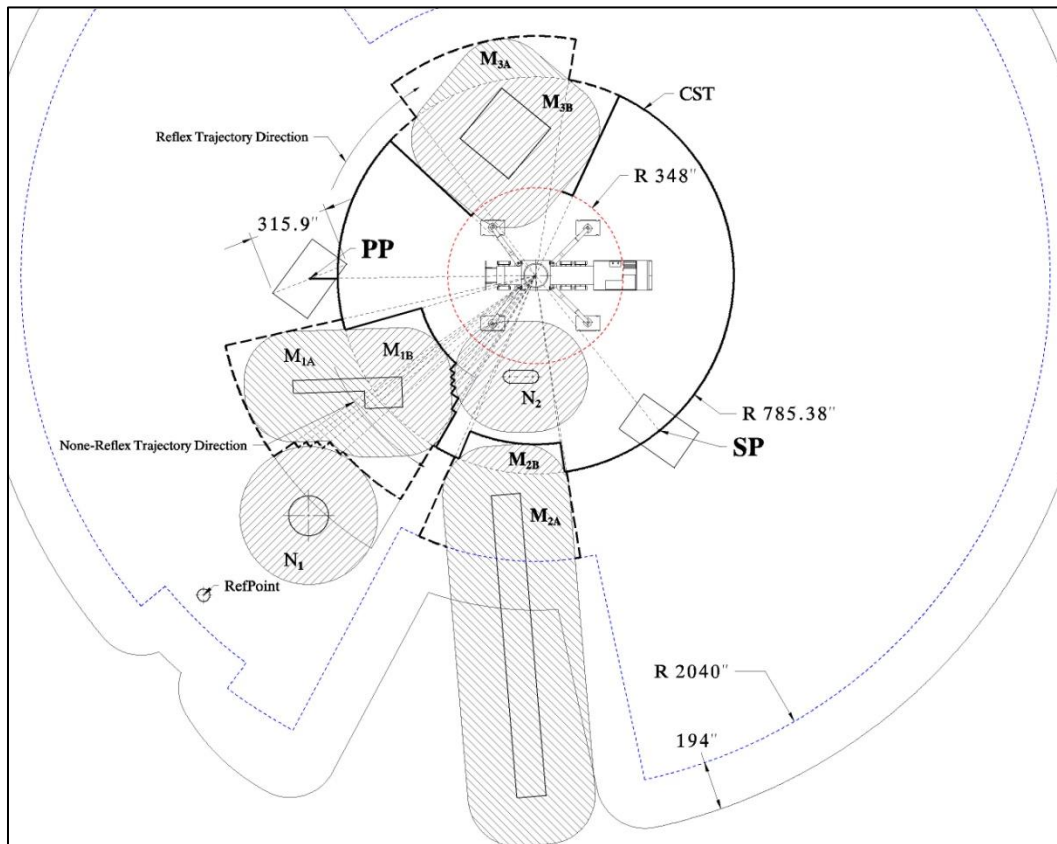


Figure 4.31 Developed object path trajectory for k_1 elevation.

The Figure shows attached tangent lines to anchored obstruction offset in both directions A (outside dotted) and B (inside solid) and an oscillating step for passing nearby floating obstructions. Developing path around M_{2A} offset obstruction at direction A shows a partial trajectory path creation (dotted lines). The operation of creating either a full or partial trajectory path in non-reflex and reflex directions ends at the SP point. Because Phase 6 and Phase 7 are on an elevation loop, the trajectory elevation path

operation ends when all elevations are checked. For the next five elevation paths' trajectory development refer to Appendix A-21 through Appendix A-25, respectively.

Phase 8;-Object Trajectory Path Optimization: This phase starts by recognizing all critical points, curves, and lines at each elevation and dividing them if necessary. It takes each line's end points and checks that the below and above curves are not in the projected crossing conflict that means there will be line continuity. If the line does cross, it divides such line into two separate pieces, recording coordinate of the intersecting gate point "GP". GP points allow the algorithm to cross between elevations. When all elevations paths are prepared, vertical connections join elevations at GP points in both directions. Table 4.1 includes all recognized points, with the shaded area representing non-gate points. Appendix A-26 shows all recognized directional points.

Table 4.1 Elevation path direction points.

Point	X	Y	Z	Point	X	Y	Z
102	421.71	1252.13	688.00	152	740.47	1798.34	723.00
701	1806.50	650.75	349.38	153	1061.33	1501.12	723.00
103	421.71	1252.13	723.00	154	1070.57	1510.72	723.00
104	531.33	1253.66	723.00	201	531.33	1253.66	804.80
105	550.38	1092.35	723.00	202	550.38	1092.35	804.80
106	560.90	1050.86	723.00	203	560.90	1050.86	804.80
107	864.37	1136.70	723.00	204	910.78	592.24	804.80
108	1000.75	916.60	723.00	205	922.60	585.24	804.80
109	978.65	892.25	723.00	206	996.65	547.39	804.80
110	994.90	878.12	723.00	207	856.21	232.59	804.80
111	980.86	861.25	723.00	208	963.70	191.07	804.80
112	994.98	849.91	723.00	209	1012.83	540.39	804.80
113	981.85	832.97	723.00	210	1058.20	648.54	804.80
114	999.05	820.16	723.00	211	1414.63	603.76	804.80
115	983.08	797.81	723.00	212	1431.84	487.75	804.80
116	1012.23	778.30	723.00	213	1439.60	488.94	804.80
117	984.52	734.03	723.00	214	1493.58	148.49	804.80

When trajectories' points are identified, connections between them are recognized and adequate parameters assigned. For example a curve will have a start and end point as well as radius value. Table 4.2 shows connections' data and calculated length. Full connection points' data is available in Appendix A-27.

Table 4.2 Connection points' data.

ID	Start	End	Type	Dist	ID	Start	End	Type	Dist
87	204	131	Vd	81.80	130	147	219	Vu	81.80
88	132	205	Vu	81.80	131	219	147	Vd	81.80
89	205	132	Vd	81.80	132	301	302	C	162.72
90	133	206	Vu	81.80	133	302	303	C	42.80
91	206	133	Vd	81.80	134	303	304	C	590.67
92	134	207	Vu	81.80	135	304	305	C	13.73
93	207	134	Vd	81.80	136	305	306	C	83.20
94	135	208	Vu	81.80	137	306	307	C	17.64
95	208	135	Vd	81.80	138	307	308	C	427.56
96	136	209	Vu	81.80	139	308	309	C	7.86
97	209	136	Vd	81.80	140	309	310	C	405.48
98	137	210	Vu	81.80	141	301	318	C	597.78
99	210	137	Vd	81.80	142	318	319	L	437.37
100	138	211	Vu	81.80	143	319	320	C	13.33
101	211	138	Vd	81.80	144	318	317	C	139.01
102	139	212	Vu	81.80	145	317	316	L	162.42
103	212	139	Vd	81.80	146	316	315	C	773.09
104	140	213	Vu	81.80	147	315	314	L	162.42
105	213	140	Vd	81.80	148	314	311	C	212.06
106	141	214	Vu	81.80	149	311	312	L	437.38

Each connection type is assigned a penalty value. Switching from a vertical up (*Vu*) to a curve (*C*) connection has a different penalty value than switching from a vertical down (*Vd*) to line (*L*) connection. Table 4.3 shows crane speed definition.

Table 4.3 Crane speed definition.

straight - horizontal	s	150	ft/min
curve - horizontal	c	300	ft/min
vertical up	Vu	50	ft/min
vertical down	Vd	50	ft/min

Depending on the crane movement, crane speed values can change and new parameters assigned. Table 4.4 shows elevation change penalties, which favor lower elevation for operations.

Table 4.4 Elevation penalties.

k_1 -elevation	no penalty
k_2 -elevation	add 10%
k_3 -elevation	add 10%
k_4 -elevation	add 10%
k_5 -elevation	add 10%
k_6 -elevation	add 10%

Changing directions horizontally and/or vertically is also penalized, and values may be modified accordingly. Table 4.5 shows changing direction penalties.

Table 4.5 Changing direction penalties.

Straight - Curve	S-C	0.25	min
Curve - Straight	C-S	0.25	min
Straight - Vertical Up	S-Vu	0.25	min
Vertical Up - Straight	Vu-S	0.25	min
Straight - Vertical Down	S-Vd	0.25	min
Vertical Down - Straight	Vd-S	0.25	min
Curve - Vertical Up	C-Vu	0.25	min
Vertical Up - Curve	Vu-C	0.25	min
Curve - Vertical Down	C-Vd	0.25	min
Vertical Down - Curve	Vd-C	0.25	min

With all points' data coordinates, connection identifications, and speed movement and penalties assigned, simple database queries can provide information about minimum weight path from PP to SP. Figure 4.32 shows the form created to run the optimization algorithm.

Final Paths:

PathID	Weight	Nodes
27	2.88935518141969	27
28	2.95278084142684	28

Weight Range to Consider: 0.1

Generate Paths

Open Level Increase Table

Progress:

- 21 Min=3.46076247
- 22 Min=3.46727796
- 23 Min=3.47875955
- 24 Min=3.43677916
- 25 Min=3.43699738
- 26 Min=3.19826075
- 27 Min=2.88935518
- 28 Min=2.95278084

Number of paths: 3

Min Weight: 2.88935518141969

Figure 4.32 Optimization program form interface.

The form presents path ID, total path weight, and number of path nodes. Changing the weight range allows evaluating other paths that are within such values. Figure 4.32 shows path ID 27 with minimum weight of 2.8893 minutes. Lifted object must change direction 12 times during placing operation (see Table 4.6). There is no restriction about object position through the lifting operation, since assigned obstruction offsets cover the maximum diagonal object measurement. Table 4.6 shows object path points' sequence, starting from pick-point (102) and finishing at set-point (701).

Table 4.6 Path point sequence

ConnID	Start	End	Dist
1	102	103	35.00
2	103	104	109.63
43	104	152	597.78
46	152	151	139.01
47	151	150	162.42
48	150	149	773.09
49	149	148	162.42
50	148	145	212.06
53	145	144	1593.54
42	144	701	373.63
Sum			4158.58

The table also indicates a total length of 4158.58 inches, and dividing that amount by 2.8893 minutes gives an average speed of 119.9 ft/min, which is acceptable movement of the crane. Figure 4.33 shows lifted object available paths web and the minimum path between two points.

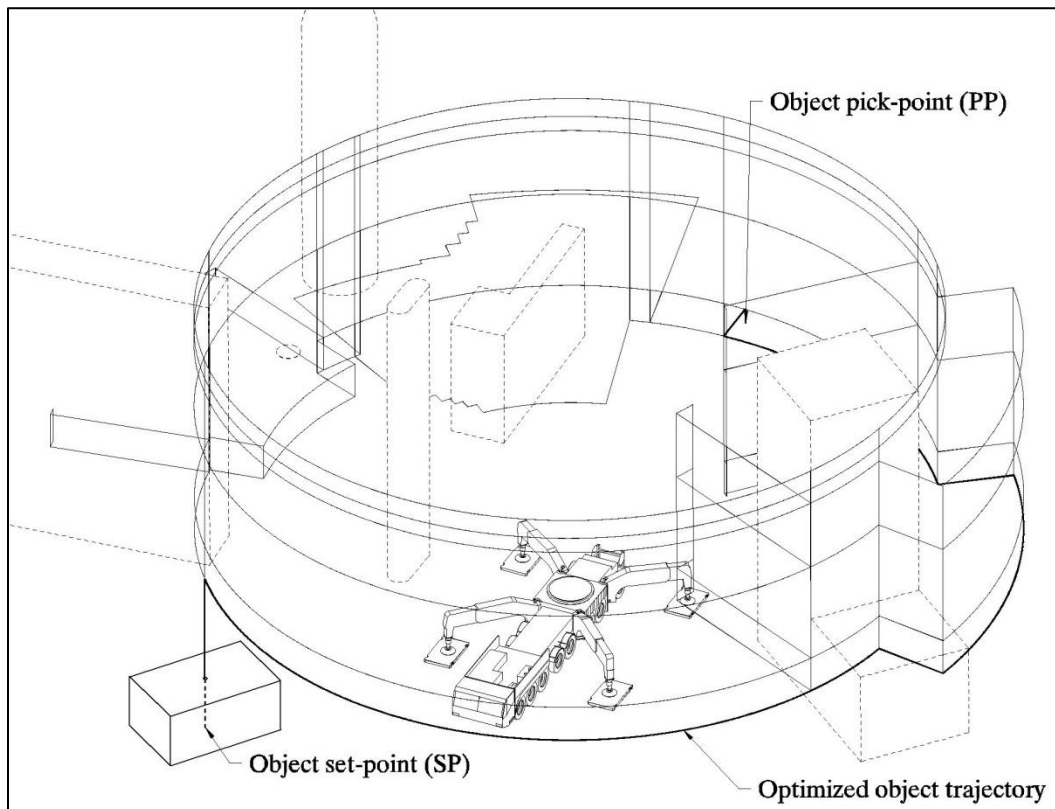


Figure 4.33 Minimum weight lifted object trajectory path.

The algorithm stores the minimum weight path and then starts analysis for the next lifted object.

CHAPTER 5 – CONCLUSION

5.1 General Conclusion

It is expected that the crane lifting analysis in presented lifting cases will generate sufficient information, such that the results may be applied to any specific critical lift within the construction industry. Analyses of potential interferences and clashes have provided very useful information when performed in advance. With increasing advancement in crane capacity and functionality, supported by computerized control movements, the risk of mishandling heavy loads rises exponentially and its consequences can be tragic. Independent consulting firms evaluating crane-related accidents determined that the human factor is the weakest link. Their reports strongly encourage using the crane manufacturer's implemented algorithms to control or help operators safely evaluate lifting situations. At the same time, implementing a crane automation process increases the lifetime of already expensive equipment. Finding the right balance between crane automation and safest operation is a difficult task, and the results may not be impartial. This research is a tool for professionals to harness many variables related to safer and economical lift analysis, especially unknown lifted object trajectory paths.

5.2 Research Contribution

Space management on construction sites for industrial projects is essential. Planners and engineers on typical project sites face constant changes and equipment allocation. Cranes, the most expensive equipment on construction sites, require proper location planning in advance to avoid costly relocations. Currently, practitioners analyze heavy lifts manually based on individual experiences using spreadsheets to simplify repetitive calculations. However, this method does not solve complicated problems with satisfactory results, but instead is slow and prone to errors. Although this method produces results, it is not the optimal solution since an individual approach has a subjective outcome. Generations of engineers have based their techniques of lifts analysis on CAD systems. Although they do not have a problem operating programs, they are deficient in lift expert knowledge. The algorithm presented in this research has embedded the expert knowledge in the form of tasks and best decision practices. The algorithm will help engineers confirm findings or influence their opinions. Experienced engineers may analyze lifted object trajectory by drawing circles or lines around obstructions to mimic crane movements, but the solution

may not be the right one, and a stepped algorithm would help find the most economical result. The algorithm structure is based on the simplification of complicated crane movement. It focuses on three major transformations: radial movement, plane rotation, and vertical up or down displacement. In practice, crane operators activate in one direction movement at the time and are rarely able to observe a combination of movements at the same time. Thus, it's difficult to envision all possible lifted object paths from pick-point to set-point. In fact, a simplification developed in 2D layout was expanded to a 3D environment. By focusing only on significant obstructions' height elevation, the vertical constant grid offset operation is eliminated, further simplifying the developed algorithm. In previous work, some researchers evaluate elevation conflict by creating vertical planes at specific intersections [Al-Hussein et al. 2005] and analyzing clearance distances. This algorithm analyzes all elevation planes for possible clashes and not just at the intersected spot. When several elevation paths are created, custom routines are introduced which allow full or partial trajectory connections. Such methods have not been presented in any publication related to crane lifting operations. When all paths are collected, distances are calculated and speed for radial movement or angular rotation is assigned. In that moment each displacement is weighted. In real lift operations changing direction requires slowing down the crane boom movement and accelerating again. In the algorithm, this operation is penalized depending on the direction the lifted object is displaced. When all weights and penalties are assigned to the spatial trajectories web, the graph finding algorithm presents results as the optimized trajectory path.

5.3 Limitation of Research

As no research endeavor has unlimited resources, this one also experienced its limitation constraints. Even though detailed planning at the beginning set major milestone days for specific accomplishments, as the research progressed the plan had to be rewritten and new milestones set. During research advancement many interesting topics were dropped due to time constraints. However, although the publication evaluation covered in the literature review presented current trends and partial solutions, it did not provide a united method for manual crane lifts and location optimization, not to mention automation of such operations. The publication resources' limitations promote innovation and development of new ideas, but they must be realistic and practical. Expertise knowledge limitation, which could propel such inventions, was the next challenge on the road of research. Developing complex algorithms for trajectory optimization required intensive

programming knowledge, and the skill of converting years of crane lifting operation expertise into computer code language. The limits of experienced engineers in crane lifting operation knowledge did not allow for objective solutions to specific lifts. Also, the presented data, case study, and validation suggestion give an impression of research generality and uniqueness, but are based only on a program code sample. In depth program code development and full real complex scenario assessment is required.

5.4 Recommendation for Future Research

As mentioned in the previous section, many aspects of the research which are significant to proper algorithm function had to be dropped, due to research constraints,. In this thesis the obstruction offset area was calculated based on maximum diagonal shape distance and the result was provided. Future work requires full minimum diagonal shape distance analysis evaluation. The method of this analysis must be developed, and it may cover already analyzed maximum diagonal distance. The assigned lift change direction, and elevation displacement weight and penalties were basic for the reason of simplifying an already complex method. Future research should concentrate on full development of weight and penalties matrix, and this activity may be expanded as an independent research topic. Full exploitation, validation, and confirmation of the functionality of the developed algorithm can be properly tested only in a 3D digital environment. As such, 3D animation and visualization of lifted object path, crane position, and repercussion of conflict with passing obstructions are the next steps for future research. Rapidly changing computer technology and advancement in programming code simplification opens the door for the next impartial research subject. Presented research discussed a single crane and lift analysis, but when multi-crane lift operations are performed, the algorithm cannot be utilized. It compels the development of a new process that can be based on a single operation, which must consider a number of crane lift operations at the same time. New constraints, rules, and codes must be developed and the complexities of such operations need to be considered in future research.

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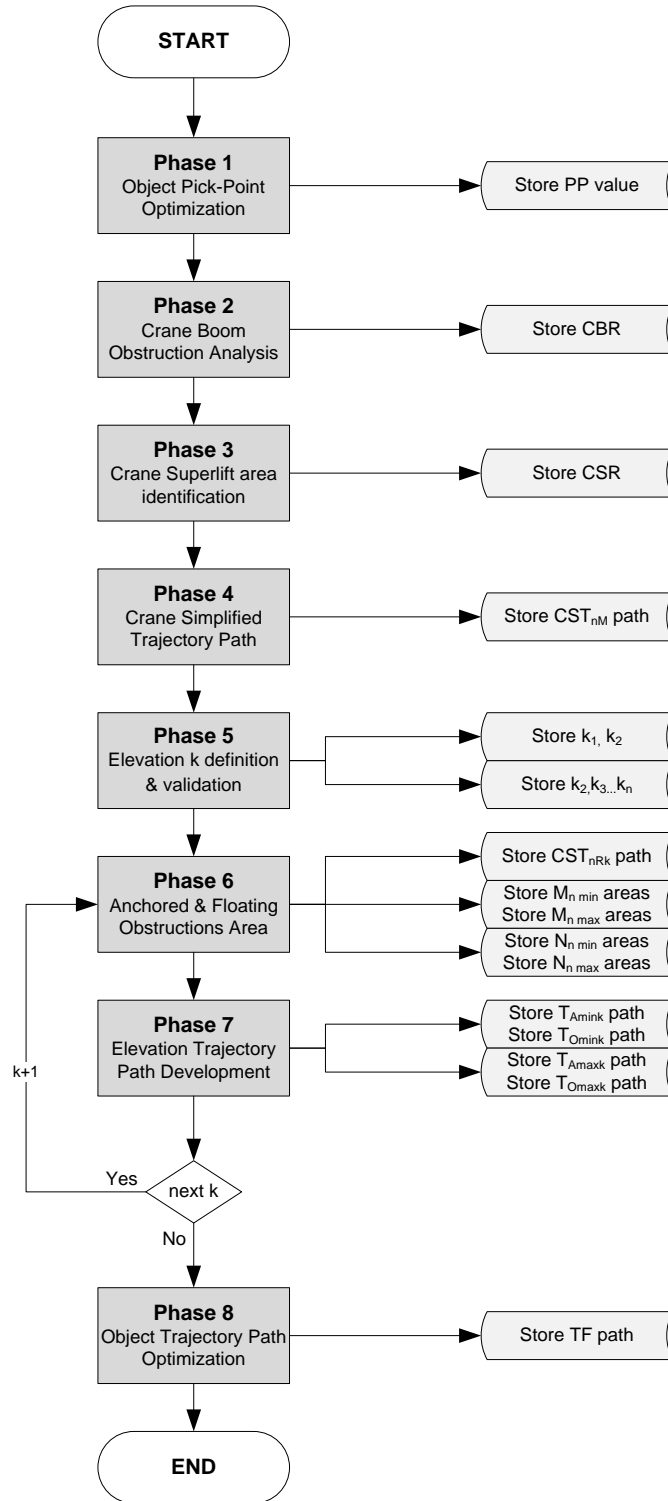
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Appendices

Appendix A-01, Inter-Phase Output Parameters



Appendix A-02, PB3 Minute-By-Minute Schedule

	oper code	activity/operation	module	start zone	crew	workers time			crane time			finish zone
						p	ml	o	p	ml	o	
						(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	
	19-Jun-07											
601	C	Extend Crane HydBoom		C					8	6	5	C
602	K1	Hooking spreader bar		C	2	12	10	8				C
603	C-sb	Crane next position		C					4	2	1	A
604	T1	Placing Module Trailer	313	-	1	25	20	15				A
605	K2	Hooking Module	313	A	2	20	17	15				A
606	T1	Removing Empty Trailer		A	1	25	20	15				-
607	C-sb	load hoisting up	313	A					3	2	1	
608	C-sb	load booming up	313						2	1.5	1	
609	C-sb	load swing	313						3	2	1.7	
610	C-sb	load hoisting down	313						4	2.5	1.5	PB3-1
611	K2	Securing-lining up	313	PB3-1	2	30	20	15				PB3-1
612	K1	Securing-bolting together	313	PB3-1	2	30	22	15				PB3-1
613	K2	Unhooking	313	PB3-1	2	12	9	8				PB3-1
614	K1	Removing lifting lugs	313	PB3-1	2	16	13	11				PB3-1
615	K3	Welding bottom - one side	313	PB3-1	1	30	20	15				PB3-1
616	K3	Welding bottom - other side	313	PB3-1	1	30	20	15				PB3-1
617	C-sb	Crane next position		PB3-1					3	2	1	A
618	T1	Placing Module Trailer	314	-	1	25	20	15				A
619	K2	Hooking Module	314	A	2	20	17	15				A
620	T1	Removing Empty Trailer		A	1	25	20	15				-
621	C-sb	load hoisting up	314	A					3	2	1	
622	C-sb	load booming up	314						2	1.5	1	
623	C-sb	load swing	314						3	2	1.7	
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634	T1	Placing Module Trailer	311	-	1	20	15	10				A
635	K2	Hooking Module	311	A	2	20	17	15				A
636	T1	Removing Empty Trailer		A	1	25	20	15				-
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639	C	load swing	311						2	1.5	1	
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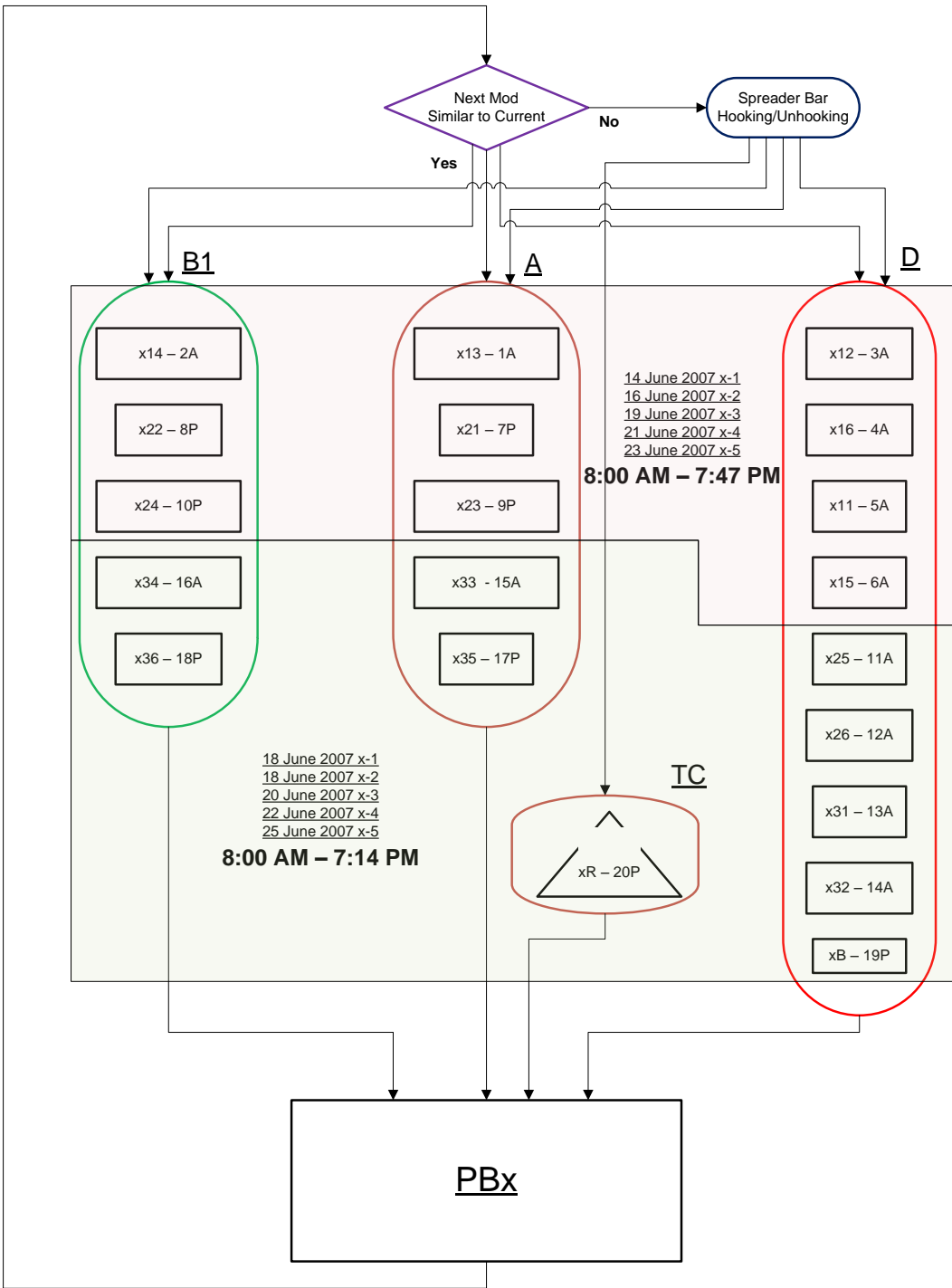
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745	K3	Welding top only	322	PB3-2	1	25	20	17				PB3-2
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750	C	load swing	Cover						3.5	2.5	1.2	
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838	K2	Hooking Module	332	A	2	20	17	15				A
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851	K2	Hooking Module	335	A	2	20	17	15				A
852	T1	Removing Empty Trailer		A	1	25	20	15				-
853	C	load hoisting up	335	A					3	2	1	
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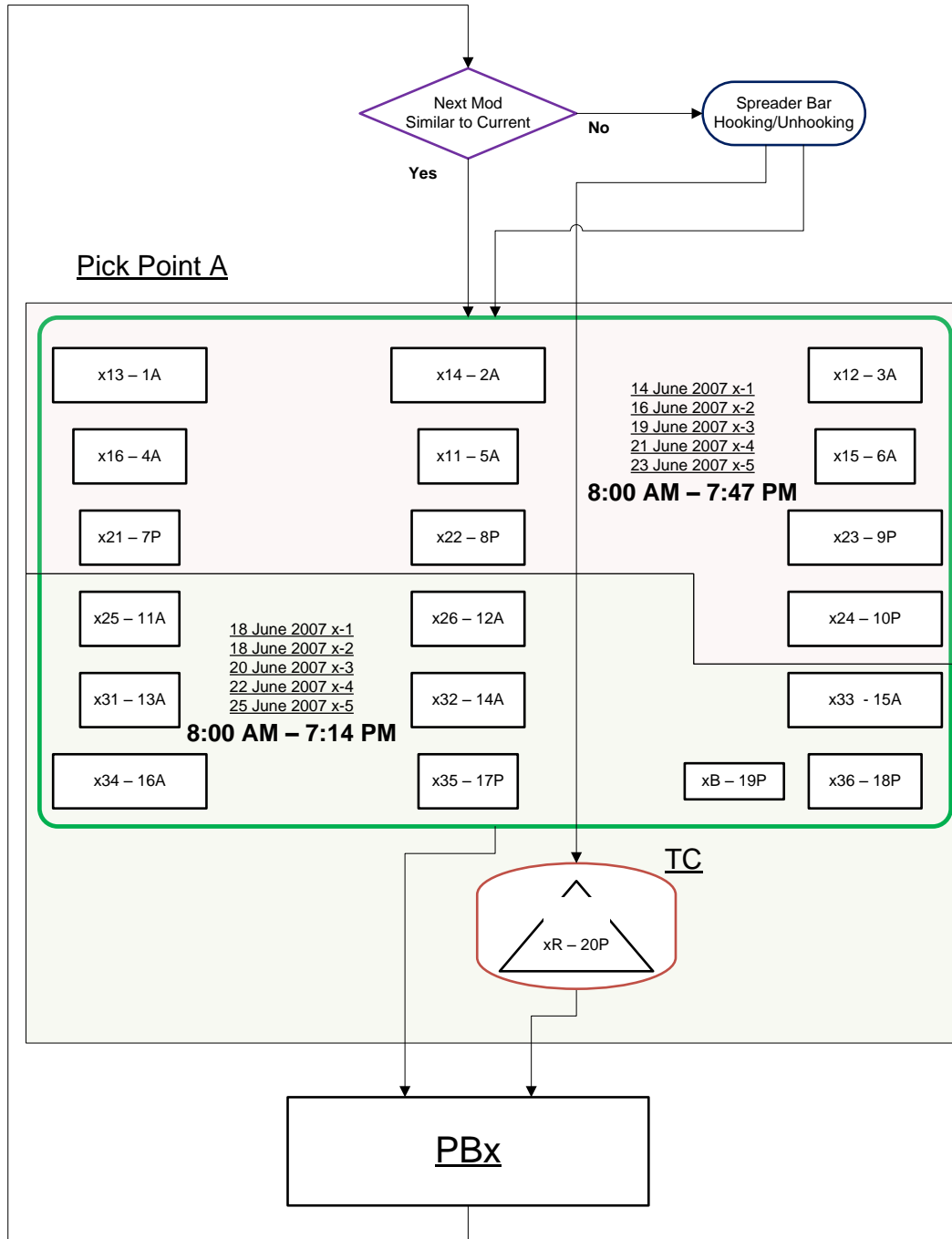
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866	T1	Removing Empty Trailer		A	1	25	20	15				-
867	C	load hoisting up	336	A					3	2	1	
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869	C	load swing	336						3.2	2.7	1.9	
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886	K3	Welding bottom	3B	PB3	1	17	15	12				PB3
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897	K3	Welding bottom	3R	PB3	2	17	15	12				PB3
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Appendix A-03, Operation Flowcharts

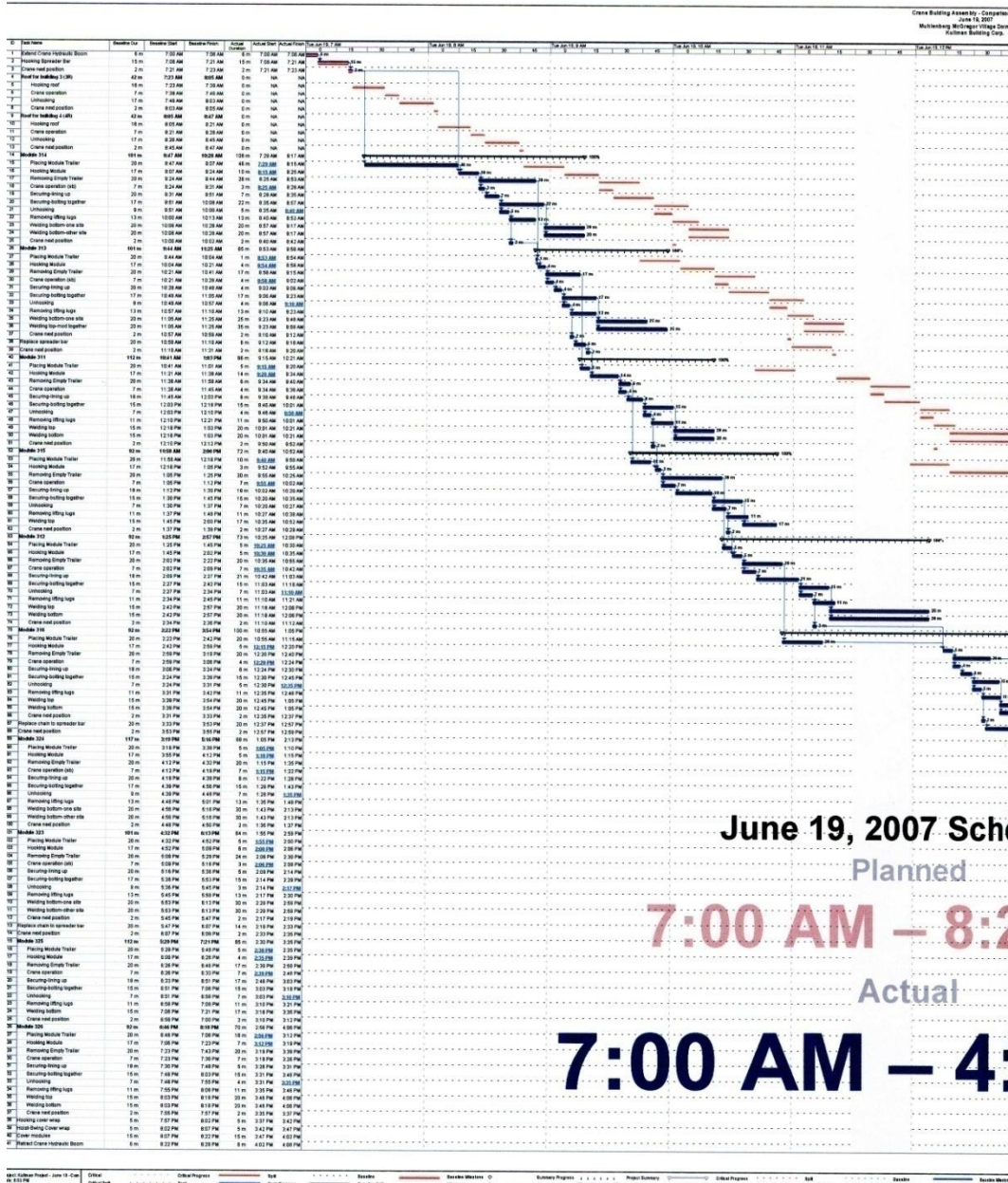
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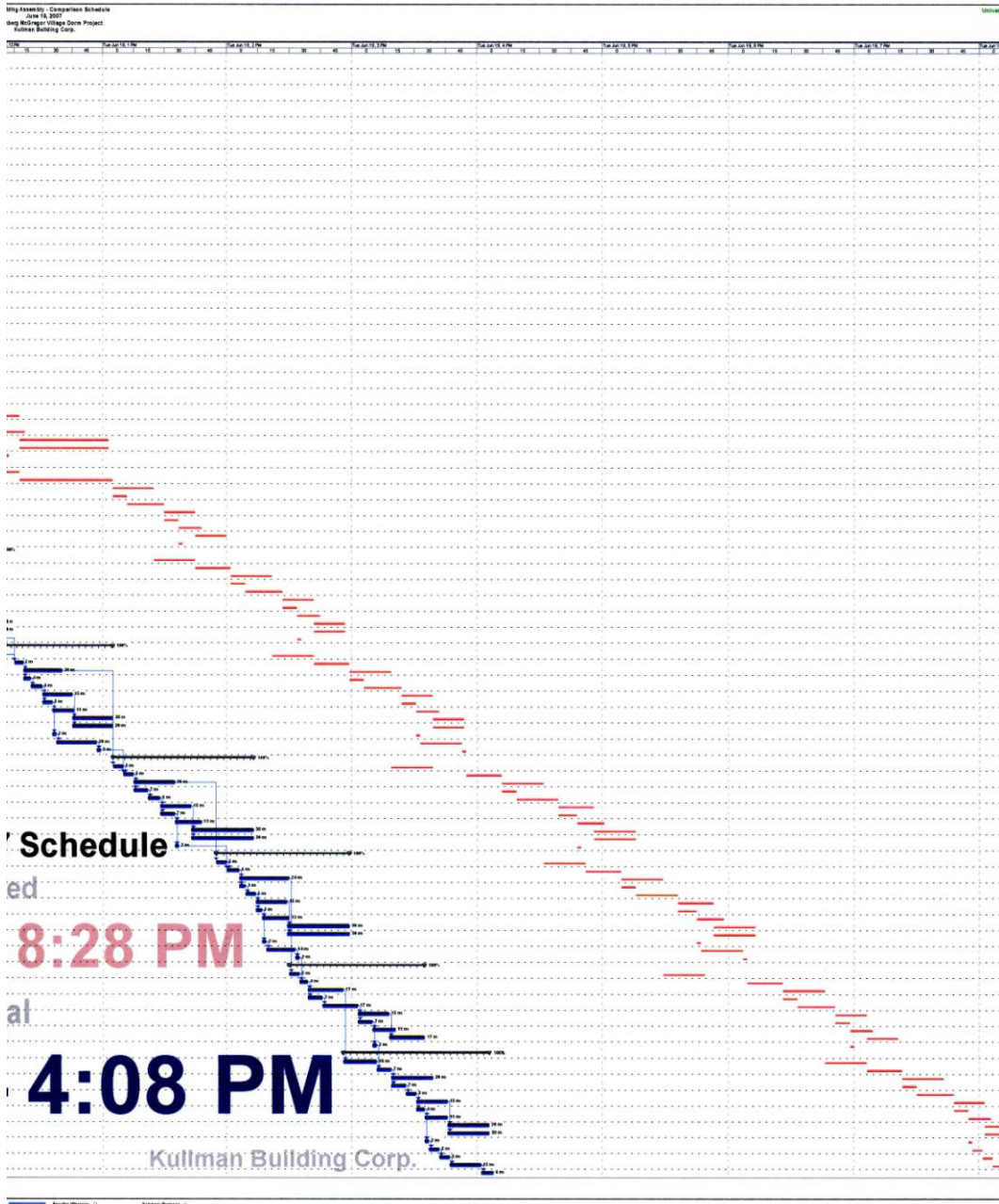


Final Operation Flowchart.



Appendix A-04, PB3 Planned vs. Actual Schedule





Appendix A-05, Object Pick-Point and Set-Point Coordinates

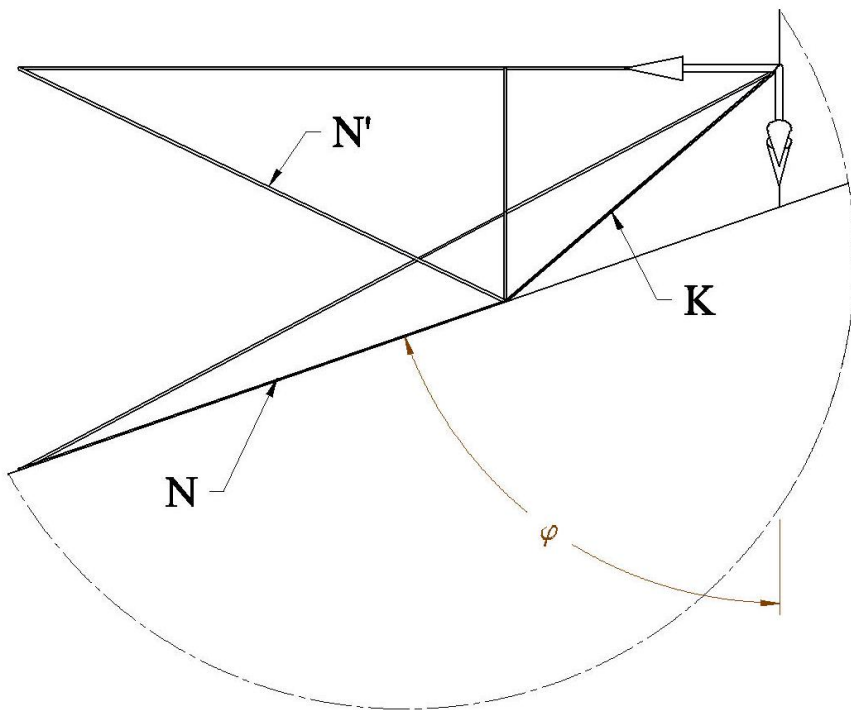
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										T _A		T _B		T _C		T _D				
	I	w	h	Q ₁	Q ₂	H	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z		
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112	269.125	169.750	124.000	54.000	35.000	354.709	438.411	1187.700	481.750	454.717	1354.542	127.041	284.774	1120.635	127.041	422.105	1020.856	127.041	592.048	1254.795
113	266.375	169.750	124.000	54.000	35.000	354.709	438.411	1187.700	481.750	454.930	1483.753	127.041	192.854	985.399	127.041	321.892	891.647	127.041	683.968	1390.001
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86.416	209.554	1668.793	86.416	-9.648	1807.844	86.416	-107.012	1668.793	-37.584	111.190	1516.006	-37.584	208.554	1668.793	-37.584	-9.648	1807.844	-37.584	210.193	1653.910	-37.584	210.193	1653.910	-37.584	210.193	1653.910									
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86.416	850.726	1962.434	86.416	146.126	2093.079	86.416	54.642	1962.434	-37.584	559.240	1609.101	-37.584	850.726	1962.434	-37.584	146.126	2093.079	-37.584	146.126	2093.079	-37.584	146.126	2093.079	-37.584	146.126	2093.079									
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-19.584	419.336	595.964	-19.584	266.549	377.762	-19.584	405.600	280.418	-143.584	558.387	498.620	-143.584	419.336	595.964	-143.584	266.549	377.762	-143.584	266.549	377.762	-143.584	266.549	377.762	-143.584	266.549	377.762									
-19.584	586.316	834.460	-19.584	420.483	597.623	-19.584	559.534	500.258	-143.584	725.369	737.095	-143.584	586.316	834.460	-143.584	420.483	597.623	-143.584	420.483	597.623	-143.584	420.483	597.623	-143.584	420.483	597.623									
104.416	824.612	312.207	104.416	671.825	94.005	104.416	810.876	-3.359	-19.584	963.663	214.843	19.584	824.612	312.207	19.584	671.825	94.005	19.584	671.825	94.005	19.584	671.825	94.005	19.584	671.825	94.005									
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104.416	419.336	595.964	104.416	266.549	377.762	104.416	405.600	280.418	-19.584	558.387	498.620	-19.584	419.336	595.964	-19.584	266.549	377.762	-19.584	266.549	377.762	-19.584	266.549	377.762	-19.584	266.549	377.762									
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220.916	739.913	754.379	220.916	386.590	249.781	220.916	517.245																												

Appendix A-06, Boom Envelope Position Vector Plane Layout



Appendix A-07, Object Trajectories Spatial Points Coordinates

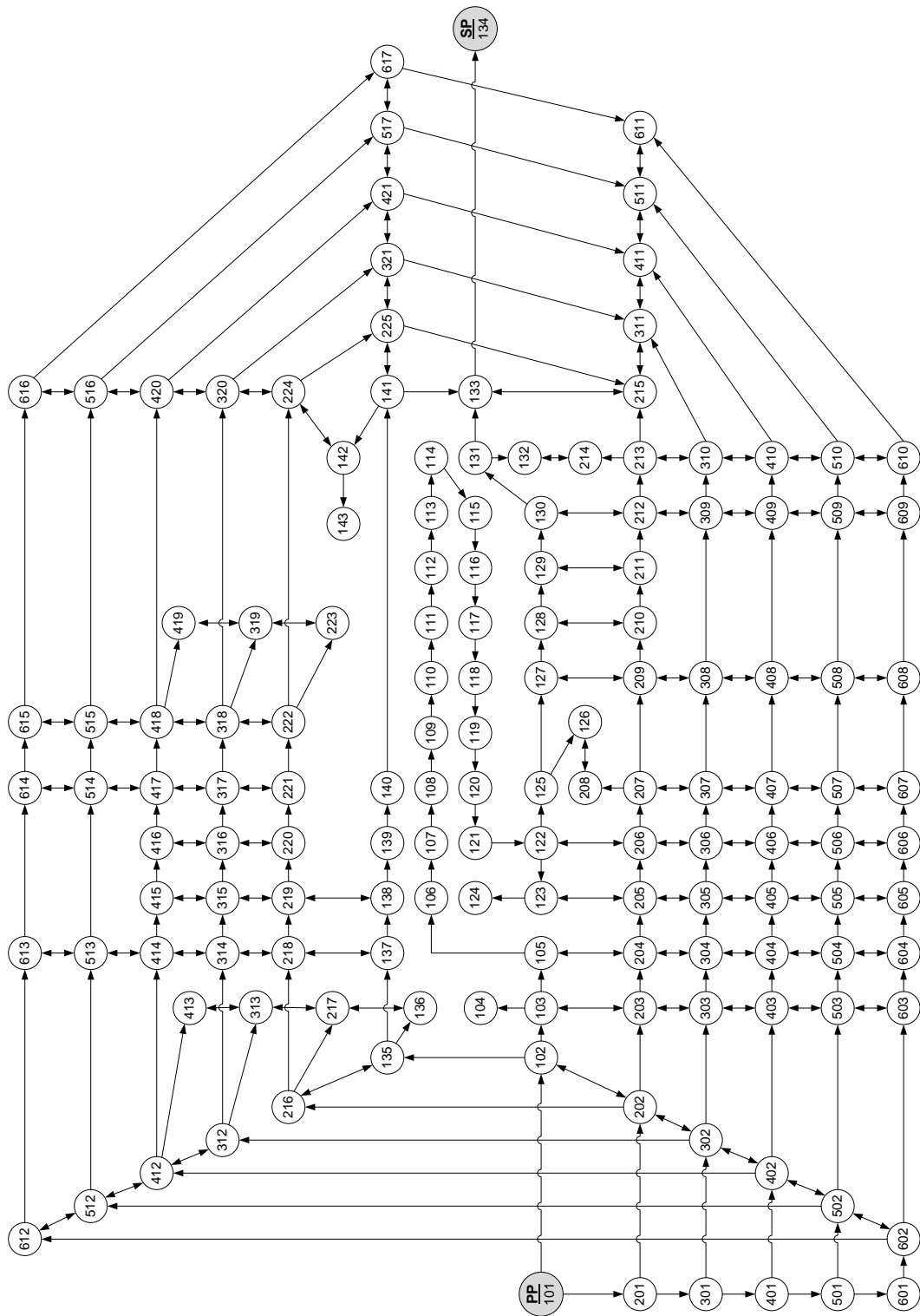
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113	-311.95	-409.37	688.00	221	236.60	694.61	805.75	505	-355.50	-641.93	1234.00
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115	-310.66	-426.25	688.00	223	156.65	310.75	805.75	507	-277.19	-679.43	1234.00
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117	-307.60	-445.88	688.00	225	374.26	631.18	805.75	509	146.12	-719.10	1234.00
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Appendix A-08, Paths Connections Database

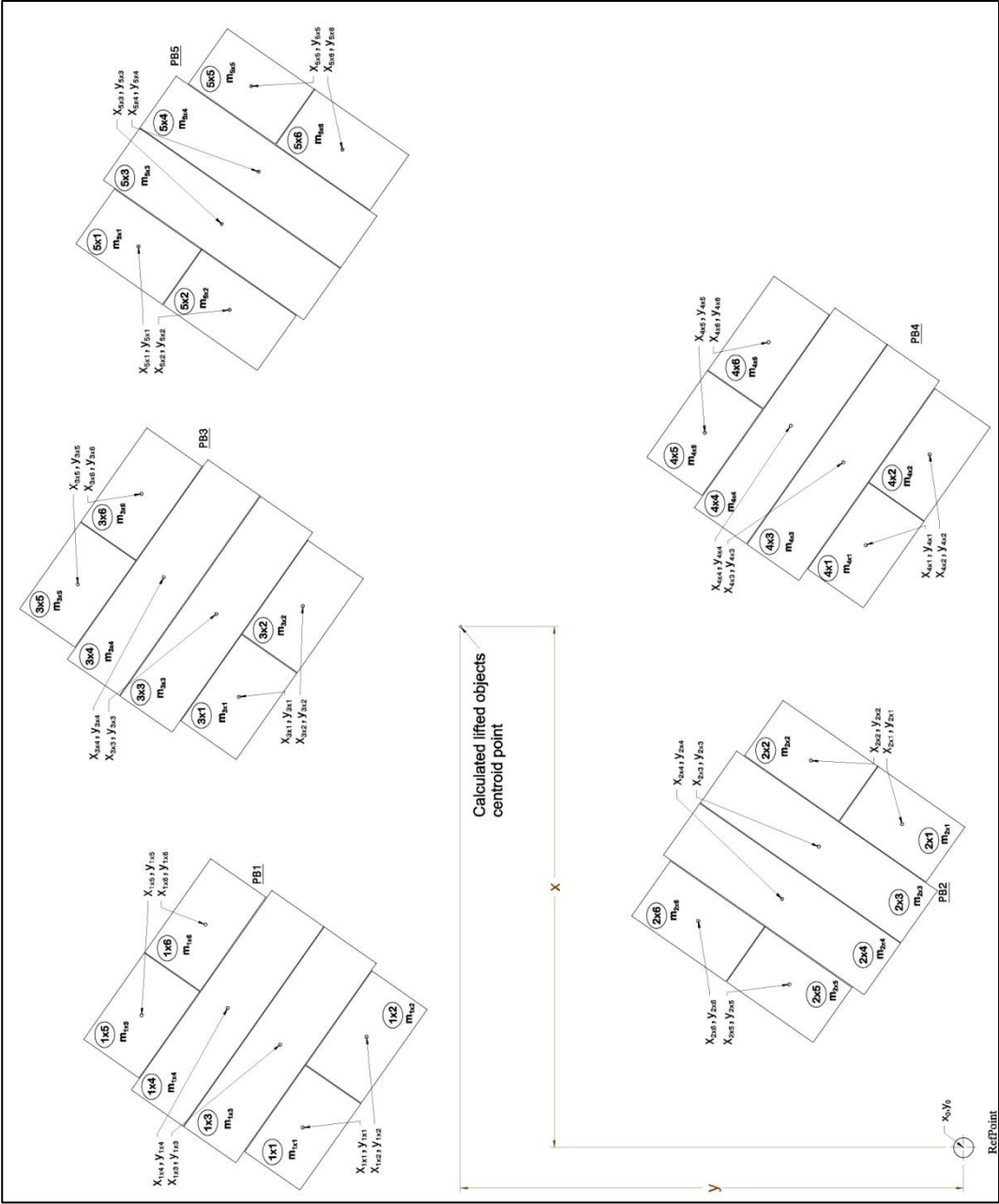
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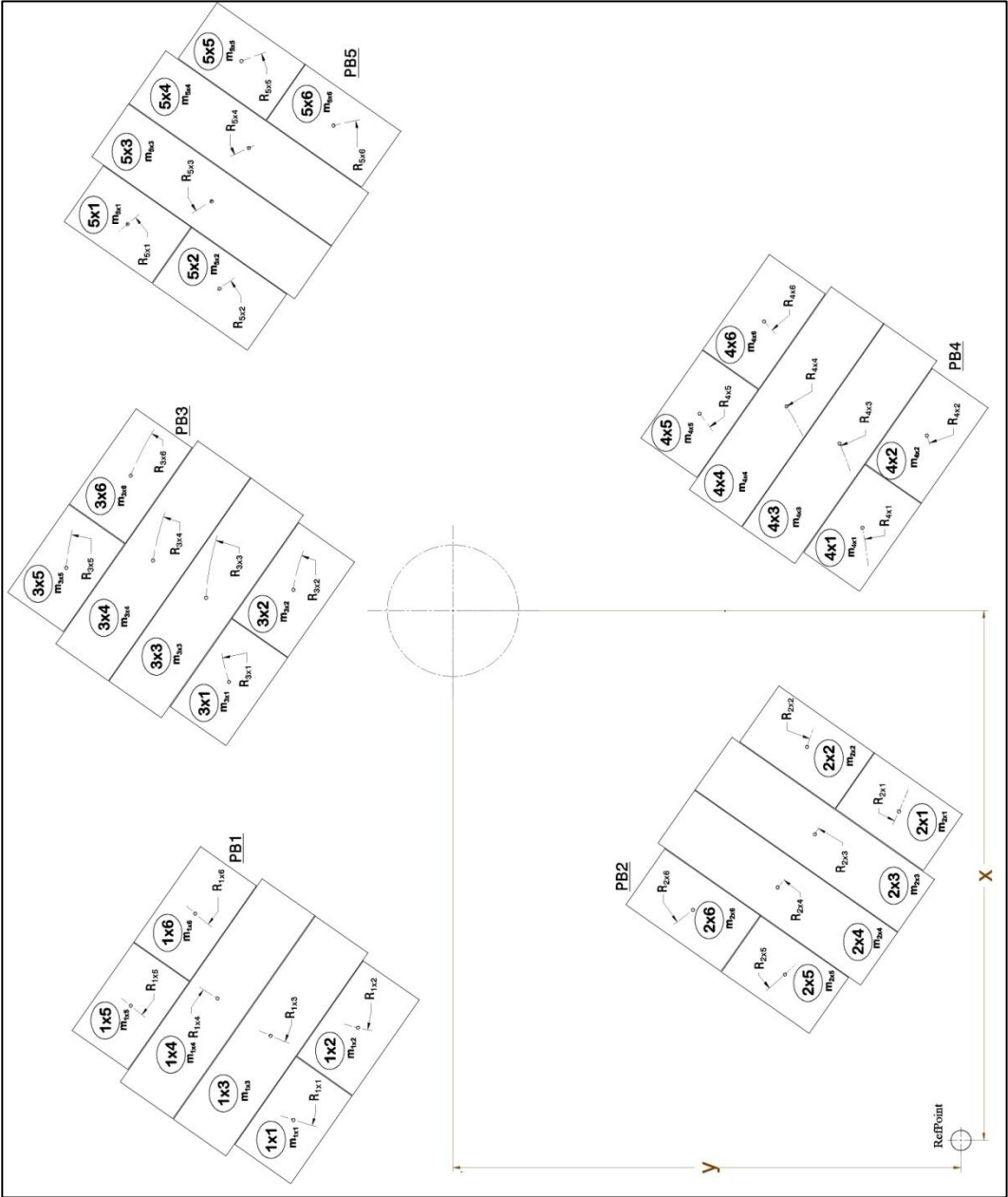
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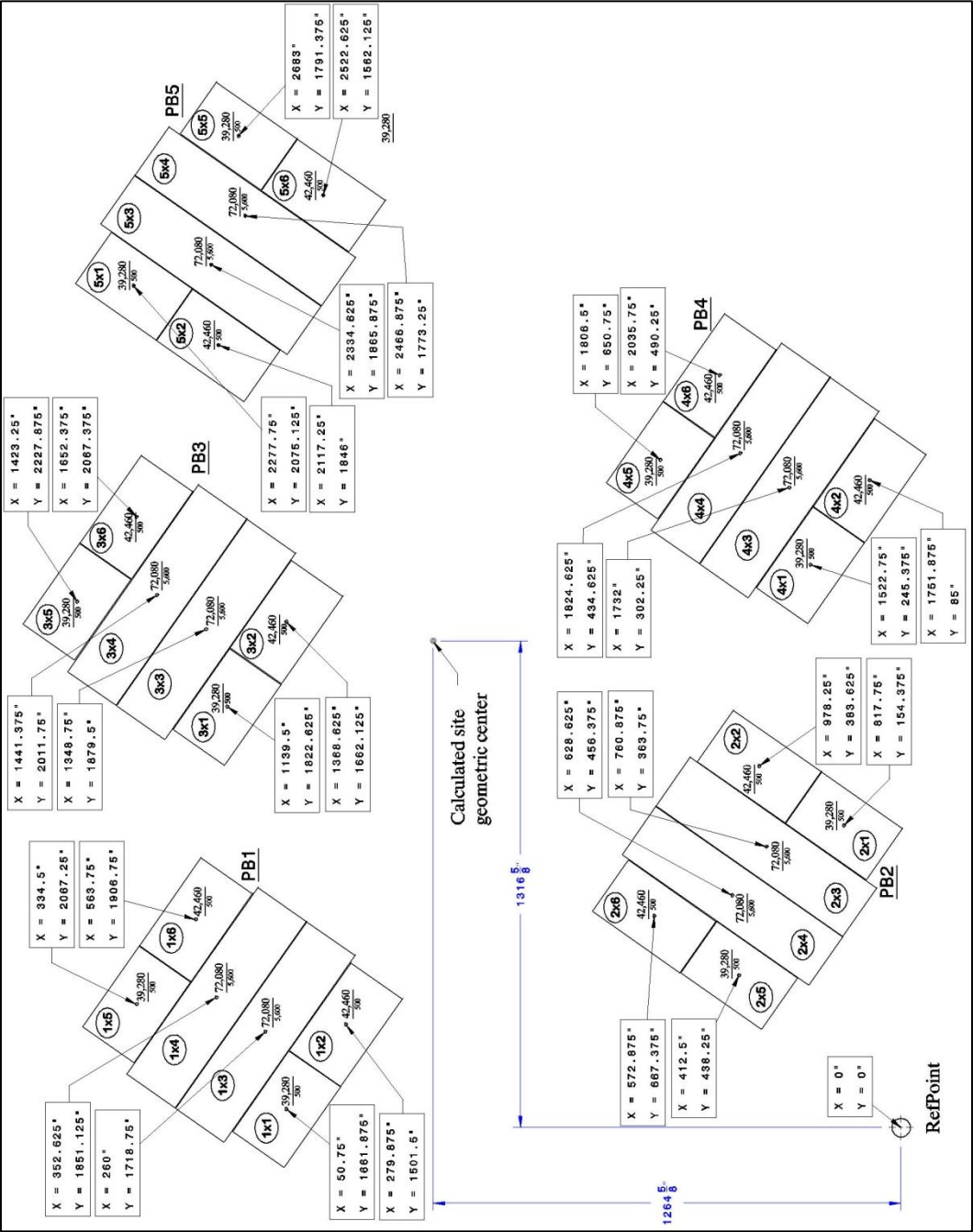
Appendix A-10, Methodology lifted objects centroid point.



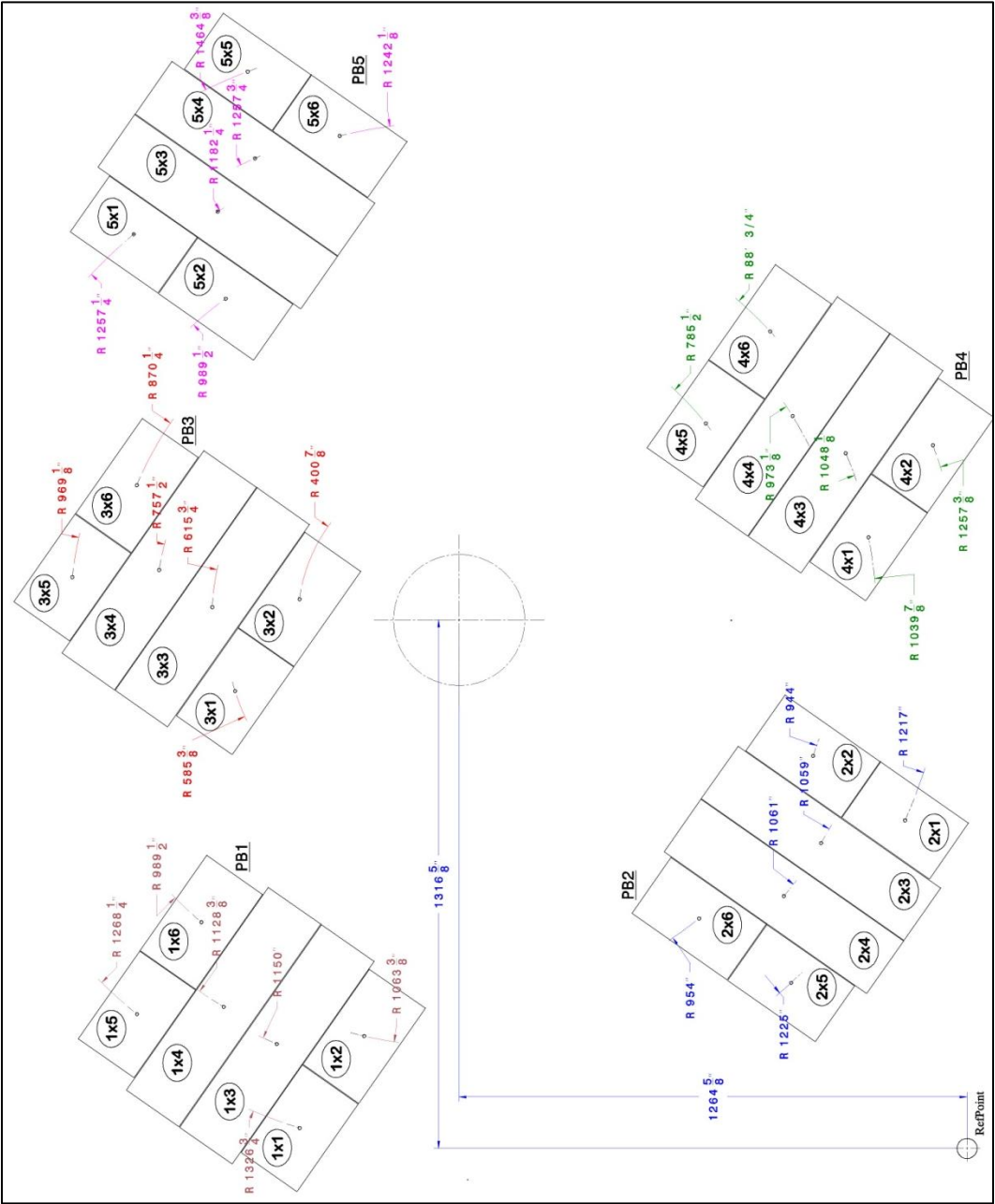
Appendix A-11, Methodology lifted objects set-point radiuses.



Appendix A-12, Numerical case lifted objects centroid point.





Appendix A-13, Numerical lifted objects set-point radiuses.



Appendix A-14, Demag AC 500-1 project configuration weight chart.

Lifting capacities main boom with Superlift

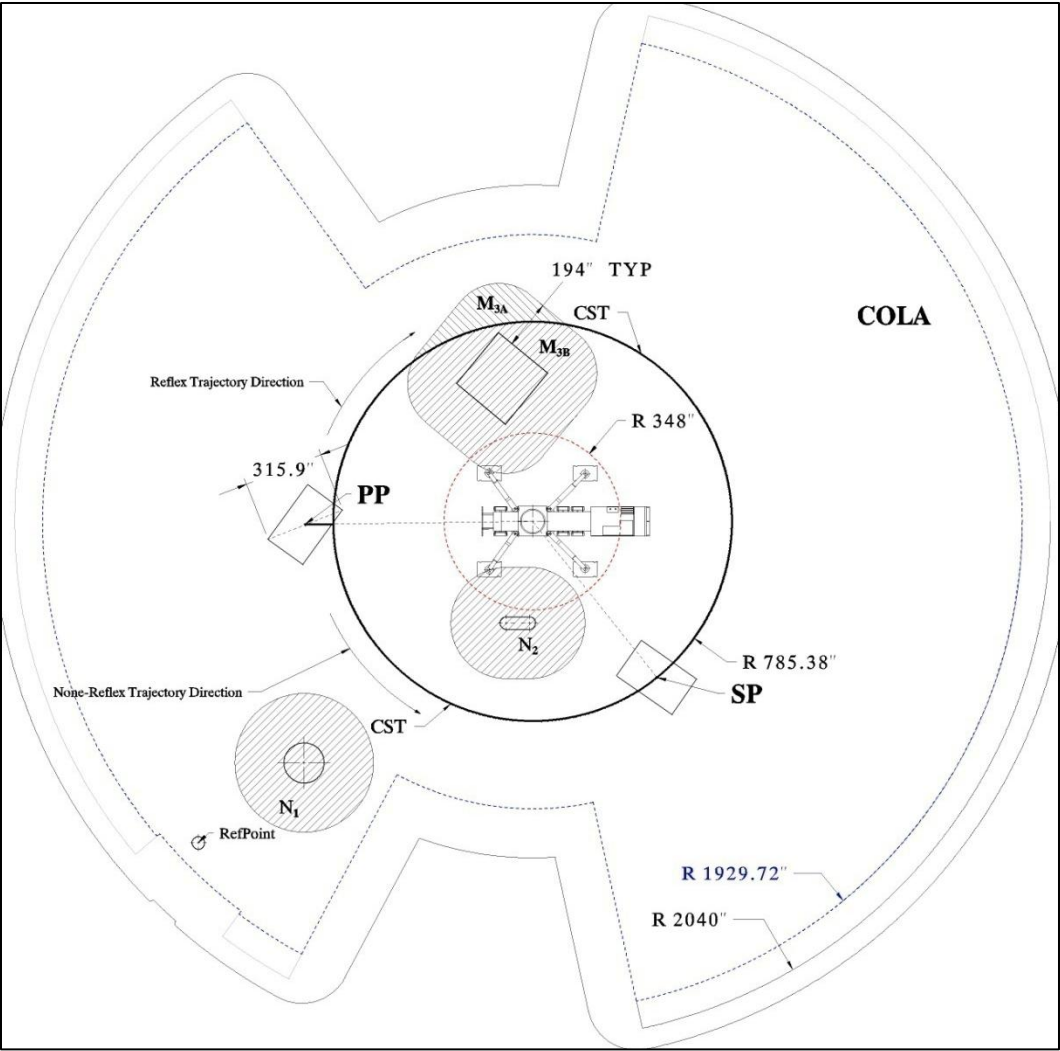
396,900 lb  **360°**  **85%**

Radius		Main boom							
ft	ft	108.9	124.3	139.4	154.9	170.0	183.7	Radius	ft
19	-	410.1	-	-	-	-	-	19	19
23	-	396.6	357.0	321.8	-	-	-	23	23
26	-	380.5	346.9	317.7	262.8	-	-	26	26
29	-	362.5	335.0	311.9	256.7	214.9	183.3	29	29
33	-	329.2	318.5	301.3	250.9	206.9	180.5	33	33
39	-	282.8	282.2	279.1	238.8	198.9	172.4	39	39
46	-	242.1	240.0	237.8	222.5	187.3	165.2	46	46
52	-	211.9	213.8	211.6	208.3	179.2	157.1	52	52
59	-	181.0	183.2	185.4	185.3	169.8	149.9	59	59
65	-	160.8	163.0	165.2	167.2	161.7	143.9	65	65
72	-	147.9	141.6	147.9	146.0	148.0	136.8	72	72
79	-	136.1	125.1	136.1	129.5	131.7	129.6	79	79
85	-	124.0	113.0	124.0	117.4	119.6	119.5	85	85
92	-	112.2	102.3	112.2	106.5	108.9	109.1	92	92
98	-	105.0	93.4	103.3	97.6	99.8	100.2	98	98
105	-	-	84.4	94.3	88.6	90.8	91.0	105	105
111	-	-	77.7	87.4	81.7	83.9	84.1	111	111
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157	-	-	-	-	-	47.5	49.6	157	157
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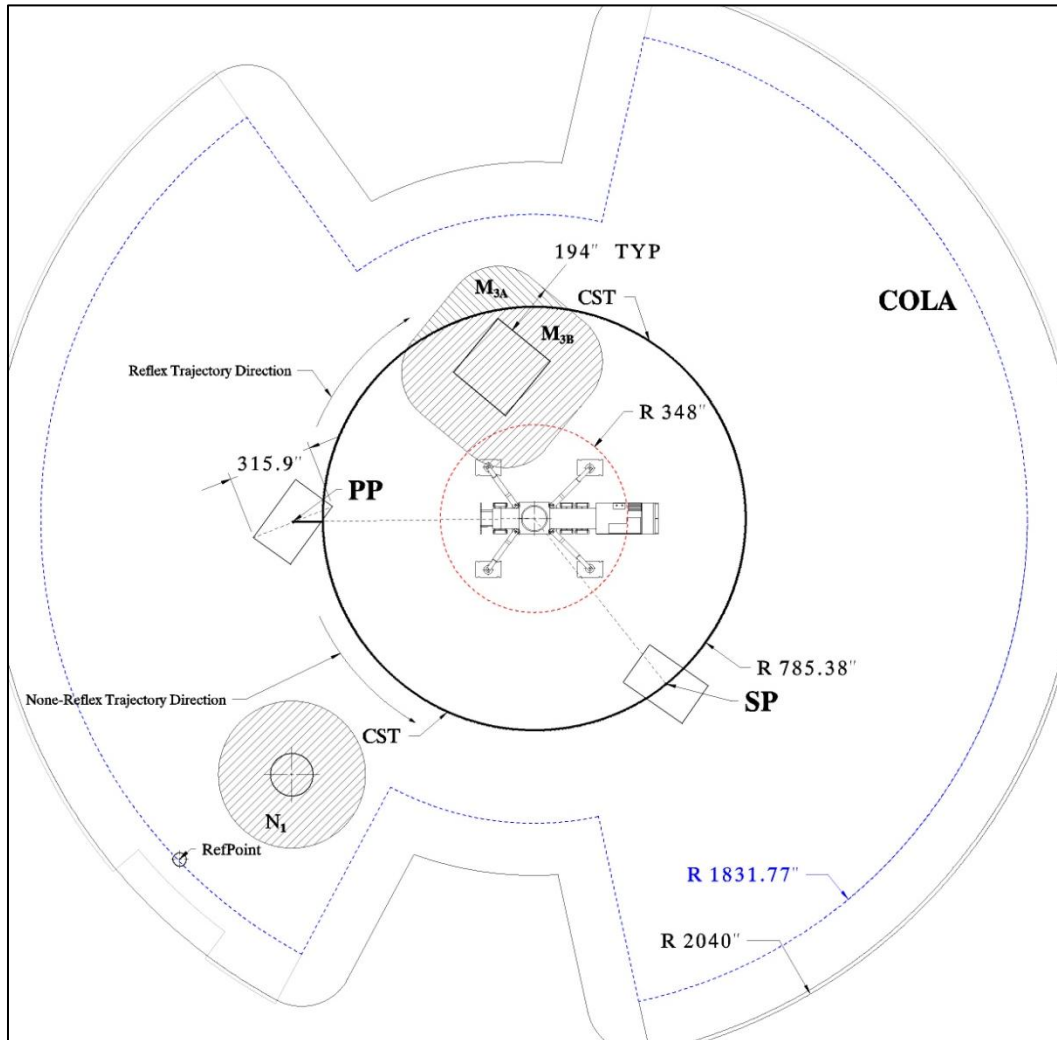
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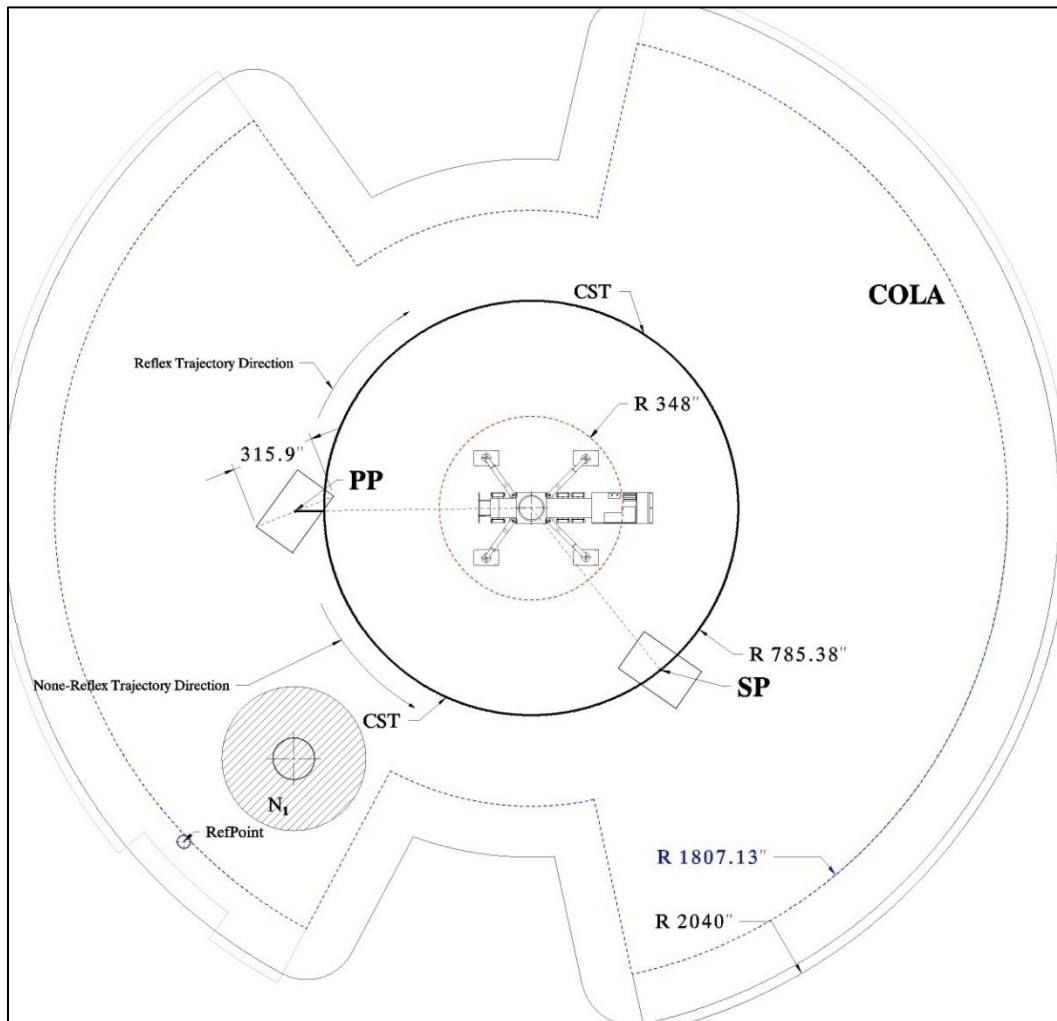
Appendix A-17, Elevation k_3 path and obstruction recognition.



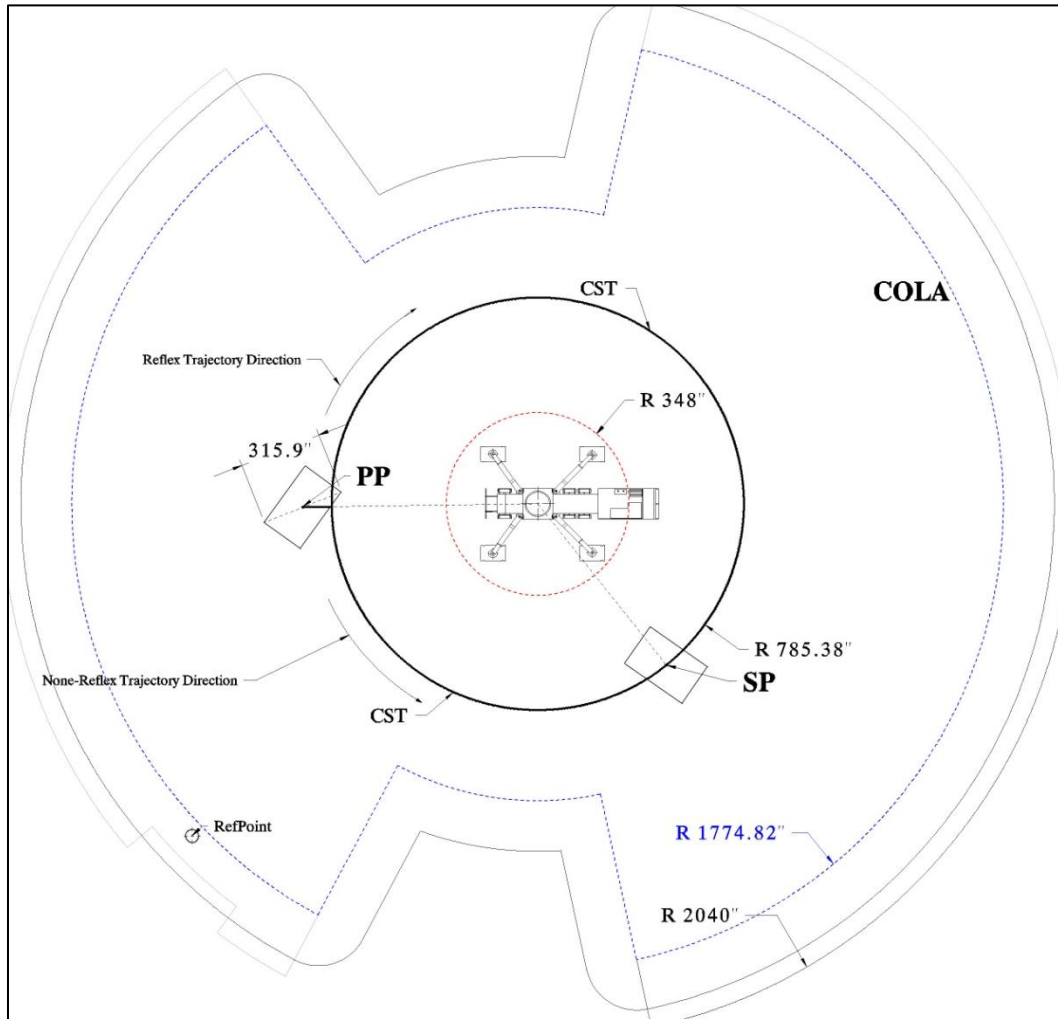
Appendix A-18, Elevation k_4 path and obstruction recognition.



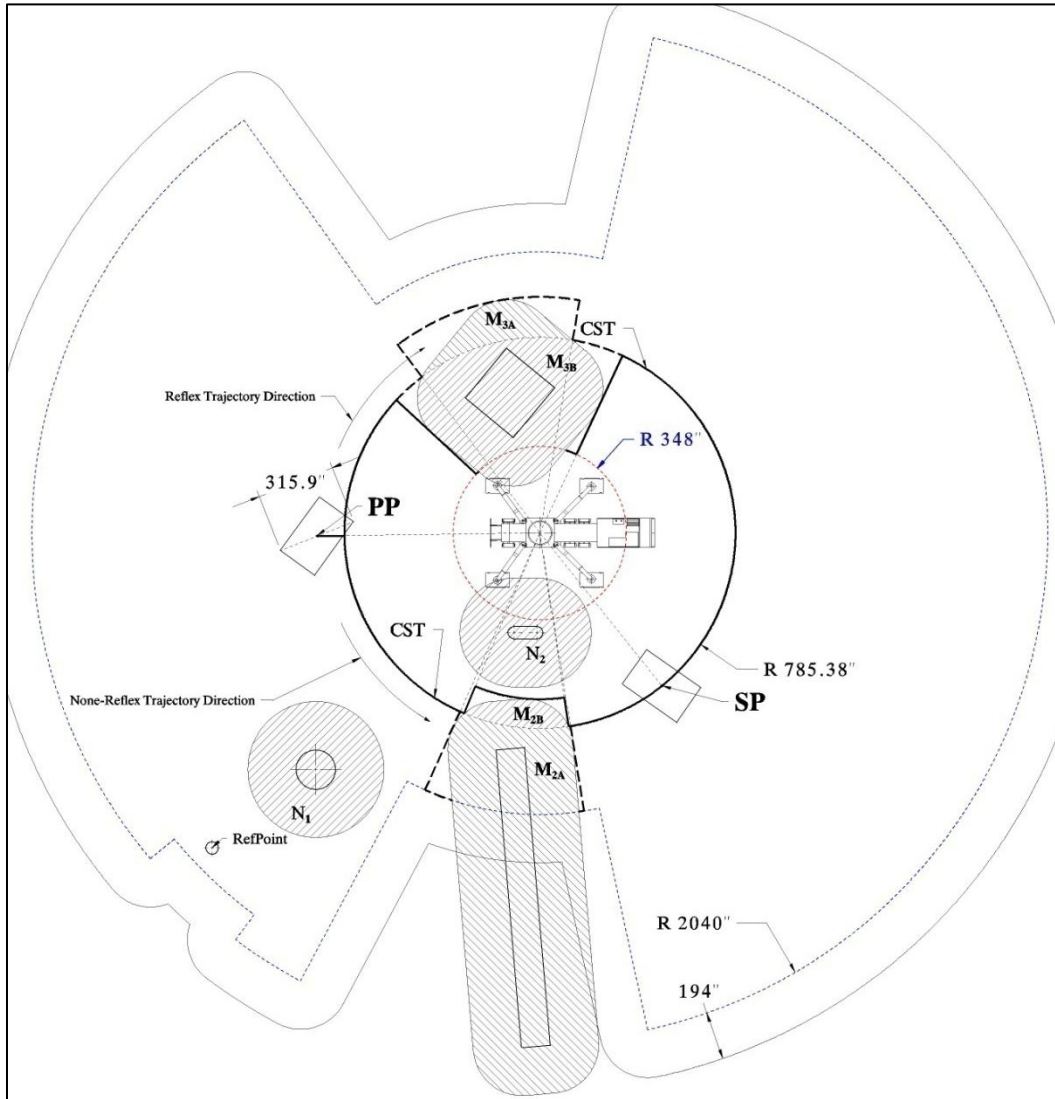
Appendix A-19, Elevation k_5 path and obstruction recognition.



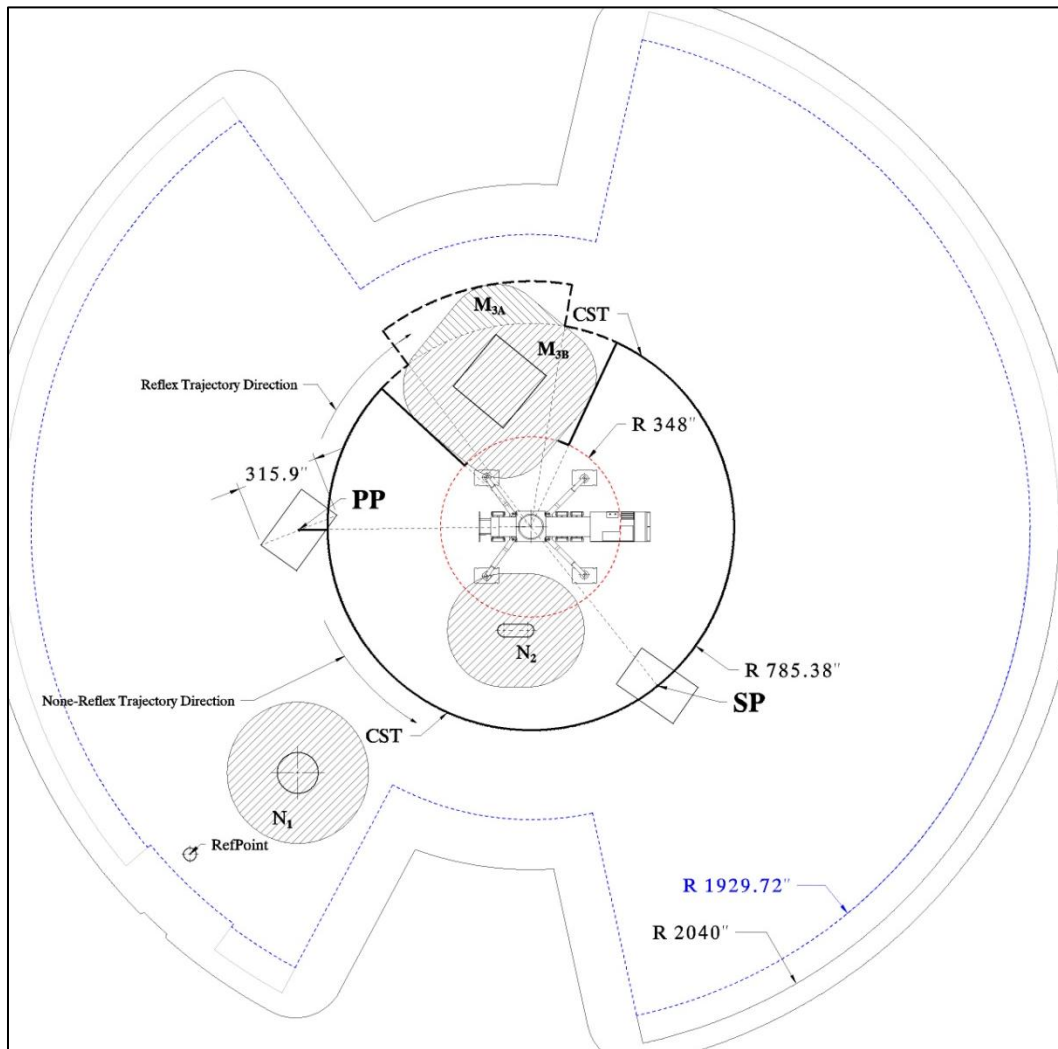
Appendix A-20, Elevation k_6 path and obstruction recognition.



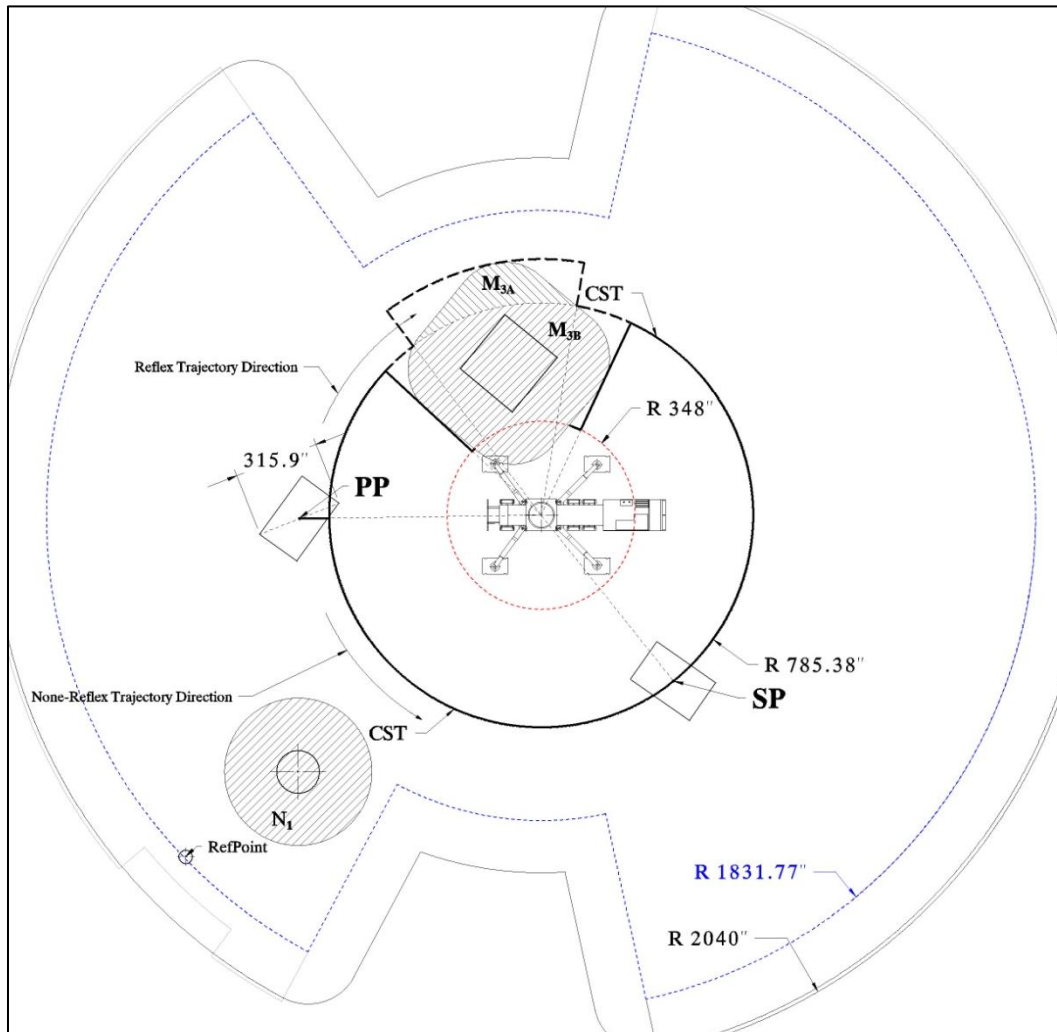
Appendix A-21, Elevation k_2 trajectory path development.



Appendix A-22, Elevation k_3 trajectory path development.

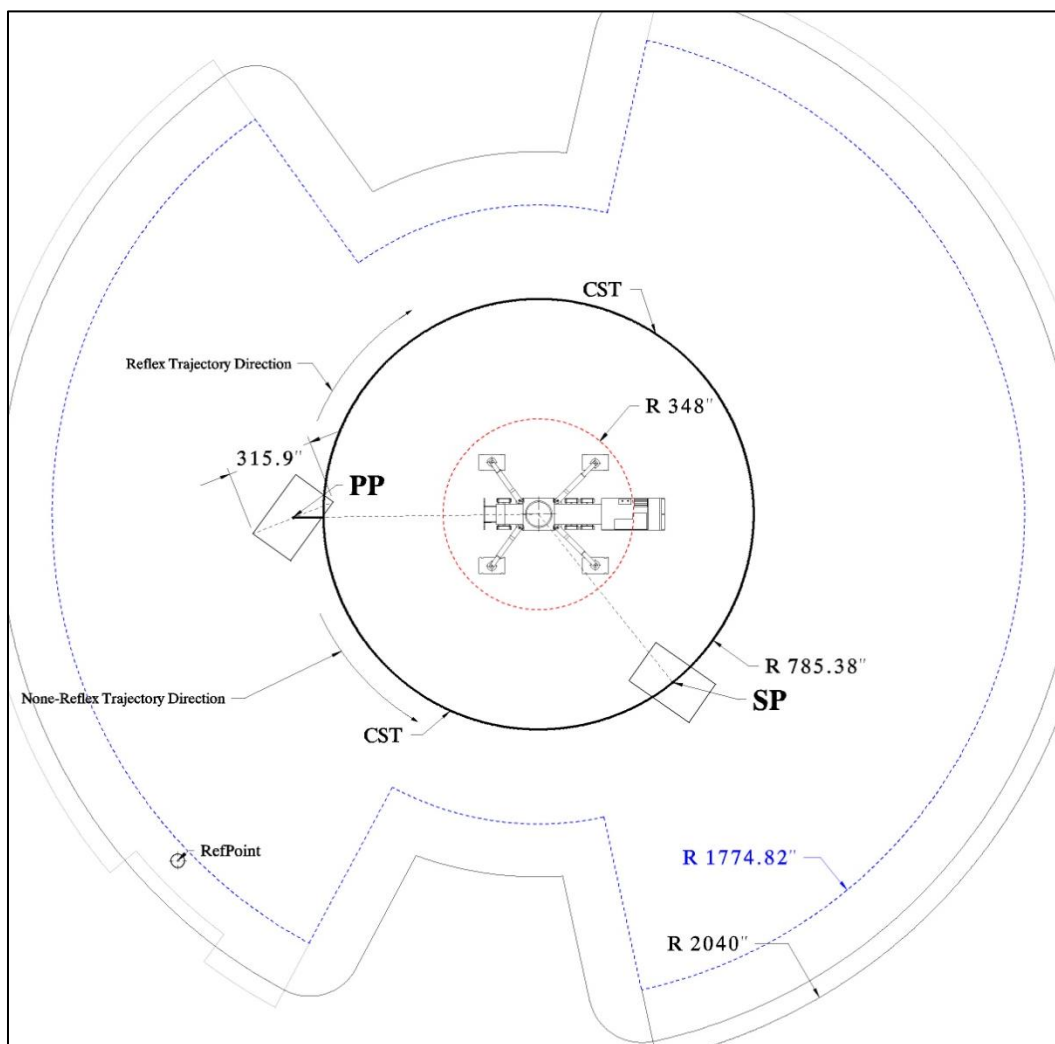


Appendix A-23, Elevation k_4 trajectory path development.





Appendix A-25, Elevation k_6 trajectory path development.



Appendix A-26, Elevations trajectory directional points coordinates.

Point	X	Y	Z	Point	X	Y	Z	Point	X	Y	Z
102	421.71	1252.13	688.00	152	740.47	1798.34	723.00	403	560.90	1050.86	1195.40
701	1806.50	650.75	349.38	153	1061.33	1501.12	723.00	404	910.78	592.24	1195.40
103	421.71	1252.13	723.00	154	1070.57	1510.72	723.00	405	922.60	585.24	1195.40
104	531.33	1253.66	723.00	201	531.33	1253.66	804.80	406	996.65	547.39	1195.40
105	550.38	1092.35	723.00	202	550.38	1092.35	804.80	407	1012.83	540.39	1195.40
106	560.90	1050.86	723.00	203	560.90	1050.86	804.80	408	1431.84	487.75	1195.40
107	864.37	1136.70	723.00	204	910.78	592.24	804.80	409	1439.60	488.94	1195.40
108	1000.75	916.60	723.00	205	922.60	585.24	804.80	410	1806.50	650.75	1195.40
109	978.65	892.25	723.00	206	996.65	547.39	804.80	411	1650.48	1975.51	1195.40
110	994.90	878.12	723.00	207	856.21	232.59	804.80	412	1464.56	1579.62	1195.40
111	980.86	861.25	723.00	208	963.70	191.07	804.80	413	1420.60	1596.73	1195.40
112	994.98	849.91	723.00	209	1012.83	540.39	804.80	414	1448.76	2038.81	1195.40
113	981.85	832.97	723.00	210	1058.20	648.54	804.80	415	1476.09	2198.91	1195.40
114	999.05	820.16	723.00	211	1414.63	603.76	804.80	416	745.58	2021.09	1195.40
115	983.08	797.81	723.00	212	1431.84	487.75	804.80	417	843.44	1891.45	1195.40
116	1012.23	778.30	723.00	213	1439.60	488.94	804.80	418	740.47	1798.34	1195.40
117	984.52	734.03	723.00	214	1493.58	148.49	804.80	419	1061.33	1501.12	1195.40
118	1002.58	723.15	723.00	215	1473.45	145.48	804.80	420	1070.57	1510.72	1195.40
119	86.63	988.08	723.00	216	1806.50	650.75	804.80	501	531.33	1253.66	1231.40
120	278.11	549.88	723.00	217	1650.48	1975.51	804.80	502	550.38	1092.35	1231.40
121	359.07	605.59	723.00	218	1464.56	1579.62	804.80	503	560.90	1050.86	1231.40
122	374.09	584.29	723.00	219	1420.60	1596.73	804.80	504	910.78	592.24	1231.40
123	405.79	607.18	723.00	220	1448.76	2038.81	804.80	505	922.60	585.24	1231.40
124	420.35	587.60	723.00	221	1476.09	2198.91	804.80	506	996.65	547.39	1231.40
125	448.13	608.66	723.00	222	745.58	2021.09	804.80	507	1012.83	540.39	1231.40
126	468.37	582.68	723.00	223	843.44	1891.45	804.80	508	1431.84	487.75	1231.40
127	498.94	607.25	723.00	224	740.47	1798.34	804.80	509	1439.60	488.94	1231.40
128	541.79	557.24	723.00	225	1061.33	1501.12	804.80	510	1806.50	650.75	1231.40
129	552.33	566.86	723.00	227	1070.57	1510.72	804.80	511	1650.48	1975.51	1231.40
130	781.84	378.61	723.00	301	531.33	1253.66	1034.80	512	1448.76	2038.81	1231.40
131	910.78	592.24	723.00	302	550.38	1092.35	1034.80	513	843.44	1891.45	1231.40
132	922.60	585.24	723.00	303	560.90	1050.86	1034.80	514	740.47	1798.34	1231.40
133	996.65	547.39	723.00	304	910.78	592.24	1034.80	601	531.33	1253.66	1276.40
134	856.21	232.59	723.00	305	922.60	585.24	1034.80	602	550.38	1092.35	1276.40
135	963.70	191.07	723.00	306	996.65	547.39	1034.80	603	560.90	1050.86	1276.40
136	1012.83	540.39	723.00	307	1012.83	540.39	1034.80	604	910.78	592.24	1276.40
137	1058.20	648.54	723.00	308	1431.84	487.75	1034.80	605	922.60	585.24	1276.40
138	1414.63	603.76	723.00	309	1439.60	488.94	1034.80	606	996.65	547.39	1276.40
139	1431.84	487.75	723.00	310	1806.50	650.75	1034.80	607	1012.83	540.39	1276.40
140	1439.60	488.94	723.00	311	1650.48	1975.51	1034.80	608	1431.84	487.75	1276.40
141	1493.58	148.49	723.00	312	1464.56	1579.62	1034.80	609	1439.60	488.94	1276.40
142	1473.45	145.48	723.00	313	1420.60	1596.73	1034.80	610	1806.50	650.75	1276.40
143	1473.45	145.48	723.00	314	1448.76	2038.81	1034.80	611	1650.48	1975.51	1276.40
144	1806.50	650.75	723.00	315	1476.09	2198.91	1034.80	612	1448.76	2038.81	1276.40
145	1650.48	1975.51	723.00	316	745.58	2021.09	1034.80	613	843.44	1891.45	1276.40
146	1464.56	1579.62	723.00	317	843.44	1891.45	1034.80	614	740.47	1798.34	1276.40
147	1420.60	1596.73	723.00	318	740.47	1798.34	1034.80				
148	1448.76	2038.81	723.00	319	1061.33	1501.12	1034.80				
149	1476.09	2198.91	723.00	320	1070.57	1510.72	1034.80				
150	745.58	2021.09	723.00	401	531.33	1253.66	1195.40				
151	843.44	1891.45	723.00	402	550.38	1092.35	1195.40				

Appendix A-27, Trajectory points connection data.

ID	Start	End	Type	Dist	ID	Start	End	Type	Dist	ID	Start	End	Type	Dist	ID	Start	End	Type	Dist
1	102	103	L	35.00	44	152	153	L	437.37	87	204	131	Vd	81.80	130	147	219	Vu	81.80
2	103	104	L	109.63	45	153	154	C	13.33	88	132	205	Vu	81.80	131	219	147	Vd	81.80
3	104	105	C	162.72	46	152	151	C	139.01	89	205	132	Vd	81.80	132	301	302	C	162.72
4	105	106	C	42.80	47	151	150	L	162.42	90	133	206	Vu	81.80	133	302	303	C	42.80
5	106	107	L	315.37	48	150	149	C	773.09	91	206	133	Vd	81.80	134	303	304	C	590.67
6	107	108	C	262.32	49	149	148	L	162.42	92	134	207	Vu	81.80	135	304	305	C	13.73
7	108	109	L	32.88	50	148	145	C	212.06	93	207	134	Vd	81.80	136	305	306	C	83.20
8	109	110	C	21.54	51	145	146	L	437.38	94	135	208	Vu	81.80	137	306	307	C	17.64
9	110	111	L	21.95	52	146	147	C	47.20	95	208	135	Vd	81.80	138	307	308	C	427.56
10	111	112	C	18.12	53	145	144	C	1593.54	96	136	209	Vu	81.80	139	308	309	C	7.86
11	112	113	L	21.43	54	201	202	C	162.72	97	209	136	Vd	81.80	140	309	310	C	405.48
12	113	114	C	21.45	55	202	203	C	42.80	98	137	210	Vu	81.80	141	301	318	C	597.78
13	114	115	L	27.47	56	203	204	C	590.67	99	210	137	Vd	81.80	142	318	319	L	437.37
14	115	116	C	35.08	57	204	205	C	13.73	100	138	211	Vu	81.80	143	319	320	C	13.33
15	116	117	L	52.22	58	205	206	C	83.20	101	211	138	Vd	81.80	144	318	317	C	139.01
16	117	118	C	21.09	59	206	207	L	344.70	102	139	212	Vu	81.80	145	317	316	L	162.42
17	105	119	L	475.33	60	207	208	C	115.29	103	212	139	Vd	81.80	146	316	315	C	773.09
18	119	120	C	481.12	61	206	209	C	17.64	104	140	213	Vu	81.80	147	315	314	L	162.42
19	120	121	L	98.28	62	209	210	L	117.28	105	213	140	Vd	81.80	148	314	311	C	212.06
20	121	122	C	26.07	63	210	211	C	363.71	106	141	214	Vu	81.80	149	311	312	L	437.38
21	122	123	L	39.11	64	211	212	L	117.28	107	214	141	Vd	81.80	150	312	313	C	47.20
22	123	124	C	24.39	65	212	213	C	7.86	108	142	215	Vu	81.80	151	311	310	C	1593.54
23	124	125	L	34.85	66	213	214	L	344.71	109	215	142	Vd	81.80	152	201	301	Vu	230.00
24	125	126	C	32.94	67	214	215	C	20.35	110	144	216	Vu	81.80	153	301	201	Vd	230.00
25	126	127	L	39.22	68	213	216	C	405.48	111	216	144	Vd	81.80	154	202	302	Vu	230.00
26	127	128	C	65.87	69	201	224	C	597.78	112	152	244	Vu	81.80	155	302	202	Vd	230.00
27	128	129	L	14.27	70	224	225	L	437.37	113	244	152	Vd	81.80	156	203	303	Vu	230.00
28	129	130	C	297.86	71	225	227	C	13.33	114	153	225	Vu	81.80	157	303	203	Vd	230.00
29	130	131	L	249.52	72	224	223	C	139.01	115	225	153	Vd	81.80	158	204	304	Vu	230.00
30	131	132	C	13.73	73	223	222	L	162.42	116	154	227	Vu	81.80	159	304	204	Vd	230.00
31	132	133	C	83.20	74	222	221	C	773.09	117	227	154	Vd	81.80	160	205	305	Vu	230.00
32	133	134	L	344.70	75	221	220	L	162.42	118	151	223	Vu	81.80	161	305	205	Vd	230.00
33	134	135	C	115.29	76	220	217	C	212.06	119	223	151	Vd	81.80	162	206	306	Vu	230.00
34	133	136	C	17.64	77	217	218	L	437.38	120	150	222	Vu	81.80	163	306	206	Vd	230.00
35	136	137	L	117.28	78	218	219	C	47.20	121	222	150	Vd	81.80	164	209	307	Vu	230.00
36	137	138	C	363.71	79	217	216	C	1593.54	122	149	221	Vu	81.80	165	307	209	Vd	230.00
37	138	139	L	117.28	80	104	201	Vu	81.80	123	221	149	Vd	81.80	166	212	308	Vu	230.00
38	139	140	C	7.86	81	201	104	Vd	81.80	124	148	220	Vu	81.80	167	308	212	Vd	230.00
39	140	141	L	344.71	82	105	202	Vu	81.80	125	220	148	Vd	81.80	168	213	309	Vu	230.00
40	141	142	C	20.35	83	202	105	Vd	81.80	126	145	217	Vu	81.80	169	309	213	Vd	230.00
41	140	144	C	405.48	84	106	203	Vu	81.80	127	217	145	Vd	81.80	170	216	310	Vu	230.00
42	144	701	L	373.63	85	203	106	Vd	81.80	128	146	218	Vu	81.80	171	310	216	Vd	230.00
43	104	152	C	597.78	86	131	204	Vu	81.80	129	218	146	Vd	81.80	172	224	318	Vu	230.00

ID	Start	End	Type	Dist	ID	Start	End	Type	Dist	ID	Start	End	Type	Dist	ID	Start	End	Type	Dist
173	318	224	Vd	230.00	216	303	403	Vu	160.60	259	508	509	C	7.86	302	609	610	C	405.48
174	225	319	Vu	230.00	217	403	303	Vd	160.60	260	509	510	C	405.48	303	601	614	C	597.78
175	319	225	Vd	230.00	218	304	404	Vu	160.60	261	501	514	C	597.78	304	614	613	C	139.01
176	227	320	Vu	230.00	219	404	304	Vd	160.60	262	514	513	C	139.01	305	613	612	C	640.61
177	320	227	Vd	230.00	220	305	405	Vu	160.60	263	513	512	C	640.61	306	612	611	C	212.06
178	223	317	Vu	230.00	221	405	305	Vd	160.60	264	512	511	C	212.06	307	611	610	C	1593.54
179	317	223	Vd	230.00	222	306	406	Vu	160.60	265	511	510	C	1593.54	308	501	601	Vu	45.00
180	222	316	Vu	230.00	223	406	306	Vd	160.60	266	401	501	Vu	36.00	309	601	501	Vd	45.00
181	316	222	Vd	230.00	224	309	407	Vu	160.60	267	501	401	Vd	36.00	310	502	602	Vu	45.00
182	221	315	Vu	230.00	225	407	309	Vd	160.60	268	402	502	Vu	36.00	311	602	502	Vd	45.00
183	315	221	Vd	230.00	226	312	408	Vu	160.60	269	502	402	Vd	36.00	312	503	603	Vu	45.00
184	220	314	Vu	230.00	227	408	312	Vd	160.60	270	403	503	Vu	36.00	313	603	503	Vd	45.00
185	314	220	Vd	230.00	228	313	409	Vu	160.60	271	503	403	Vd	36.00	314	504	604	Vu	45.00
186	217	311	Vu	230.00	229	409	313	Vd	160.60	272	404	504	Vu	36.00	315	604	504	Vd	45.00
187	311	217	Vd	230.00	230	316	410	Vu	160.60	273	504	404	Vd	36.00	316	505	605	Vu	45.00
188	218	312	Vu	230.00	231	410	316	Vd	160.60	274	405	505	Vu	36.00	317	605	505	Vd	45.00
189	312	218	Vd	230.00	232	324	418	Vu	160.60	275	505	405	Vd	36.00	318	506	606	Vu	45.00
190	219	313	Vu	230.00	233	428	324	Vd	160.60	276	406	506	Vu	36.00	319	606	506	Vd	45.00
191	313	219	Vd	230.00	234	325	419	Vu	160.60	277	506	406	Vd	36.00	320	507	607	Vu	45.00
192	401	402	C	162.72	235	419	325	Vd	160.60	278	407	507	Vu	36.00	321	607	507	Vd	45.00
193	402	403	C	42.80	236	327	420	Vu	160.60	279	507	407	Vd	36.00	322	508	608	Vu	45.00
194	403	404	C	590.67	237	420	327	Vd	160.60	280	408	508	Vu	36.00	323	608	508	Vd	45.00
195	404	405	C	13.73	238	323	417	Vu	160.60	281	508	408	Vd	36.00	324	509	609	Vu	45.00
196	405	406	C	83.20	239	417	323	Vd	160.60	282	409	509	Vu	36.00	325	609	509	Vd	45.00
197	406	407	C	17.64	240	322	416	Vu	160.60	283	509	409	Vd	36.00	326	510	610	Vu	45.00
198	407	408	C	427.56	241	416	322	Vd	160.60	284	410	510	Vu	36.00	327	610	510	Vd	45.00
199	408	409	C	7.86	242	321	415	Vu	160.60	285	510	410	Vd	36.00					
200	409	410	C	405.48	243	415	321	Vd	160.60	286	418	514	Vu	36.00					
201	401	418	C	597.78	244	320	414	Vu	160.60	287	514	418	Vd	36.00					
202	418	419	L	437.37	245	414	320	Vd	160.60	288	417	513	Vu	36.00					
203	419	420	C	13.33	246	317	411	Vu	160.60	289	513	417	Vd	36.00					
204	418	417	C	139.01	247	411	317	Vd	160.60	290	414	512	Vu	36.00					
205	417	416	L	162.42	248	318	412	Vu	160.60	291	512	414	Vd	36.00					
206	416	415	C	773.09	249	412	318	Vd	160.60	292	411	511	Vu	36.00					
207	415	414	L	162.42	250	319	413	Vu	160.60	293	511	411	Vd	36.00					
208	414	411	C	212.06	251	414	319	Vd	160.60	294	601	602	C	162.72					
209	411	412	L	437.38	252	501	502	C	162.72	295	602	603	C	42.80					
210	412	413	C	47.20	253	502	503	C	42.80	296	603	604	C	590.67					
211	411	410	C	1593.54	254	503	504	C	590.67	297	604	605	C	13.73					
212	301	401	Vu	160.60	255	504	505	C	13.73	298	605	606	C	83.20					
213	401	301	Vd	160.60	256	505	506	C	83.20	299	606	607	C	17.64					
214	302	402	Vu	160.60	257	506	507	C	17.64	300	607	608	C	427.56					
215	402	302	Vd	160.60	258	507	508	C	427.56	301	608	609	C	7.86					