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# **Environmental Studies by Pattern Classification for Evaluating the Effect of Civil Engineering Project under Construction**

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## **Abstract**

In construction of large civil engineering projects, environmental studies before its construction, during construction and after construction are required from both the natural side and human side and their scientific systematic approaches are now being studied from the point of pattern classification using computer analysis.

This paper describes the fundamental environmental studies by means of photographic informations such as natural color, infrared color, multiphotos and thermal images and how to evaluate their elements relating to the construction of civil engineering projects as a system. The latter discusses the evaluation environmental evaluation by computer analysis for construction of forest roads.

## **§ 1. Environmental evaluation by computer analysis for construction of a forest road**

### **1. Purpose and place**

Since the design works of a forest road are important from the point of development and protection of natural resources, natural conditions must be considered from both the long and short-range viewpoint in the total planning system.

The main factors of natural conditions are such items as topography, geology soil, animal and vegetation and weather conditions. As they include scientific contents, it is difficult to classify the quantitative values. These studies are connected to computer data analysis for evaluating natural environment by correlated analysis using the computer in case of constructing a forest road.

Moreover the moderate processing methods using the many factors relating to construction are examined in connection with the data printing methods, especially important considerations were mostly placed on the relationship between development and protection of natural resources.

The author selected the test site (area, about 3.71 km<sup>2</sup>) in the reservoir along the Oi and Abegawa River in Shizuoka Prefecture situated in the center part of Japan.

The reason in selecting this test area is that area is that this district includes various kinds of typical social engineering factors and natural conditions which can be solved by an integrated system and related data is easily available.

In the test area, the forest road connecting Toshiro village, Onezawa-sawa and Kurasawa-sawa (the place of forest cottage) was planned. This road is required for forest

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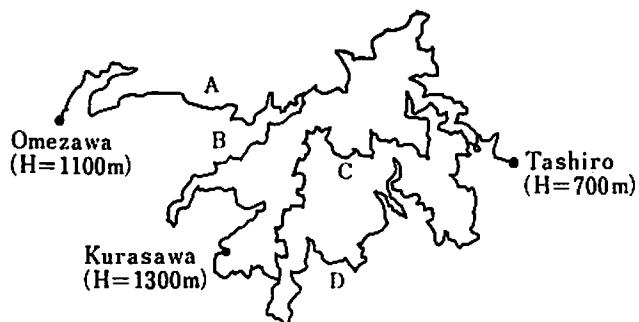


Fig. 1 Automatic drawing of forest roads researched by specifications of forest roads

|                         |
|-------------------------|
| 1: 25,000               |
| Vehicle velocity 20km/h |
| Road class Second order |
| Profile gradient 10%    |
| Radius 12m              |

Fig. 3 Planning factors

## Item 10. Vehicle velocity for planning

| Class  | Velocity for planning (km/h) |       |
|--------|------------------------------|-------|
| First  | 40                           | or 30 |
| Second | 30                           | or 20 |
| Third  |                              | 20    |

## Item 15. Curve radius

| Velocity | Radius (m) |       |
|----------|------------|-------|
| 40       | 60         | 40    |
| 30       | 30         | 20    |
| 20       | 15         | 12(8) |

## Item 20. Profile gradient

| Velocity | Profile (%) |    |
|----------|-------------|----|
| 40       | 7           | 10 |
| 30       | 8           | 12 |
| 20       | 9           | 14 |

Fig. 2 Specification for construction of forest road

planting and hauling the timbers from the forest.

Fig. 1 shows the automatic drawing of forest roads researched by specifications shown as follows.

Fig. 2 shows the specification for construction of a forest road. Fig. 3 shows the planning technical factors of the second class road.

## 2. System of Data Processing

The Fig. 4 shows the system flow chart used for this study for environmental analysis for the construction of a forest road.

In the first stage, total general planning, its program and approach are needed. Especially problems which are most likely to be encountered in each practical processing stage must be cleared and related and effective information and materials must at the same time be collected, such as existing statistical data, maps and reports. Adding to the conventional field survey, the photo images of remote sensing techniques from airplane and satellite also provide very useful information. But these data are arranged in a certain fixed list and must be tabled in a numerical inventory which is called the basic map of data.

Secondly the basic map must be converted to a numerically arranged program for input into a computer which can be stored for processing the next step.

For this purpose, the test area is divided into square meshes having fixed intervals and each legend data of the basic map are replaced with a numerical code weighted to the natural conditions. This work is known as the formation of mesh data. Files are prepared for each basic map data. In the first step of numerical coding, the file number is equivalent to the number of the basic map and each file can be analyzed into the details necessary for inventories under consideration for each relationship. For example,

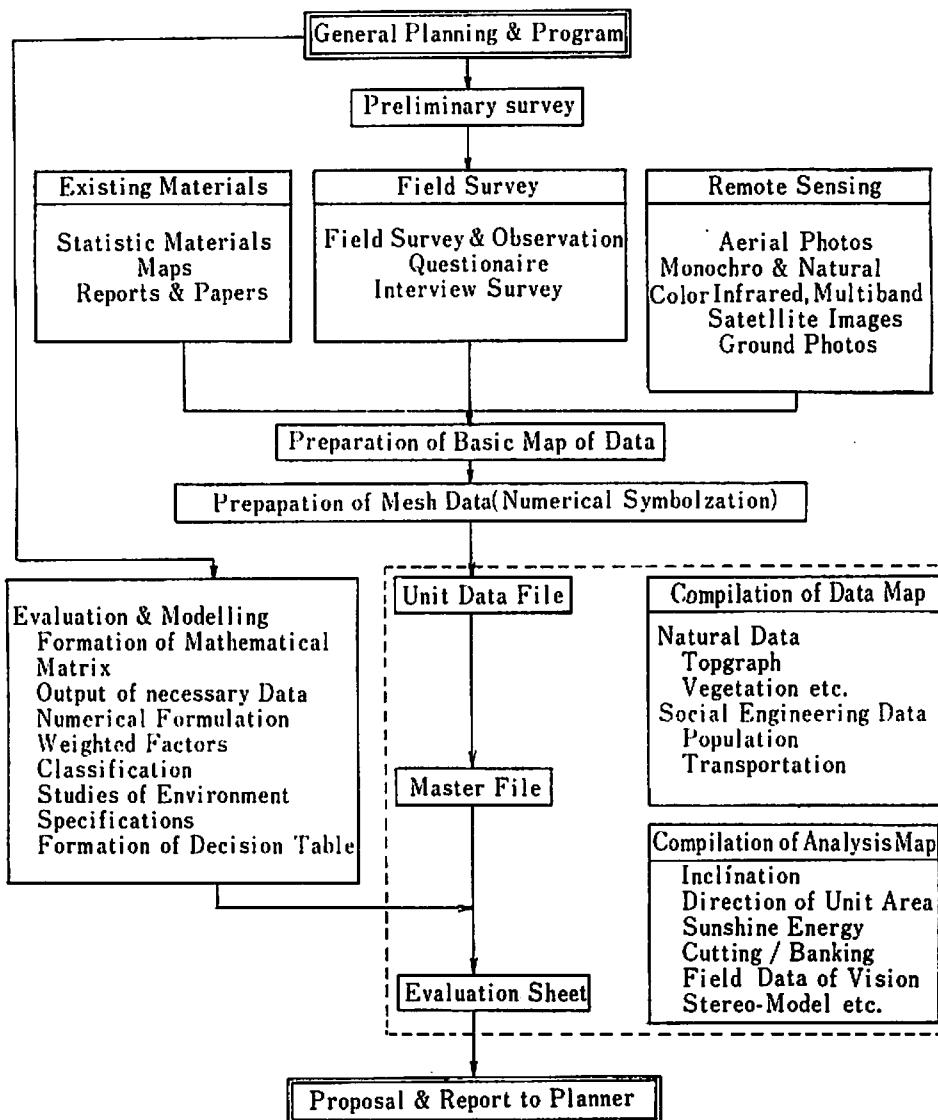


Fig. 4

topographical data can be obtained, such as data on inclination of topography, direction of unit area and sunshine energy, etc. and the newly formulated data files, which is called a master file, increase during processing of analysis in proportion to percentages.

The stored information in the master file can be outputted in analogue form which is called a computer map typed out from the line printer and also these drawings can be done by using the automatic drafters.

The advantage of this process is that various kinds of statistical information is typed out from the systematized master file and at the same time select the meshes that are equivalent to natural environmental conditions. In this stage, the necessary data are outputs for numerical formulation with the mathematical matrix to satisfy certain environmental condition tables, called "Decision Tables".

Accordingly, the modelling work needs an objective and purpose for the projects and for the formation of the decision tables. Severe and discreet selection of related factors and the relationship of each factor must be throughly considered in a well-systematized process.

### 3. Processing system of Environment Data

The outline of the processing system of environment data is as follows.

1. preparation of basic map
2. preparation of mesh data
3. preparation of data file (correlation of master file)
4. environmental evaluation

#### 3.1. Preparation of basic map

The materials and data for analysis of the environment were collected in 1974 and 1975 and the results were arranged in a form of a topographic map, water flow map (river system map), landslide map, vegetation map, soil map and geology map. They are shown in the basic data of the first column in Fig. 5.

Especially, the map showing the number of landslides were completed in 1974 using aerial photos at a scale of 1/20,000 and on the aerial photographs at a scale of 1/20,000 taken by the Government Forest Agency, landslide areas occupying more than the 1 mm × 1 mm on the photos were interpreted.

#### 3.2. Preparation of mesh data

To store each type of data in the computer, the test was divided into square meshes consisting of one unit 450 m × 575 m and each legend data of the basic map was read

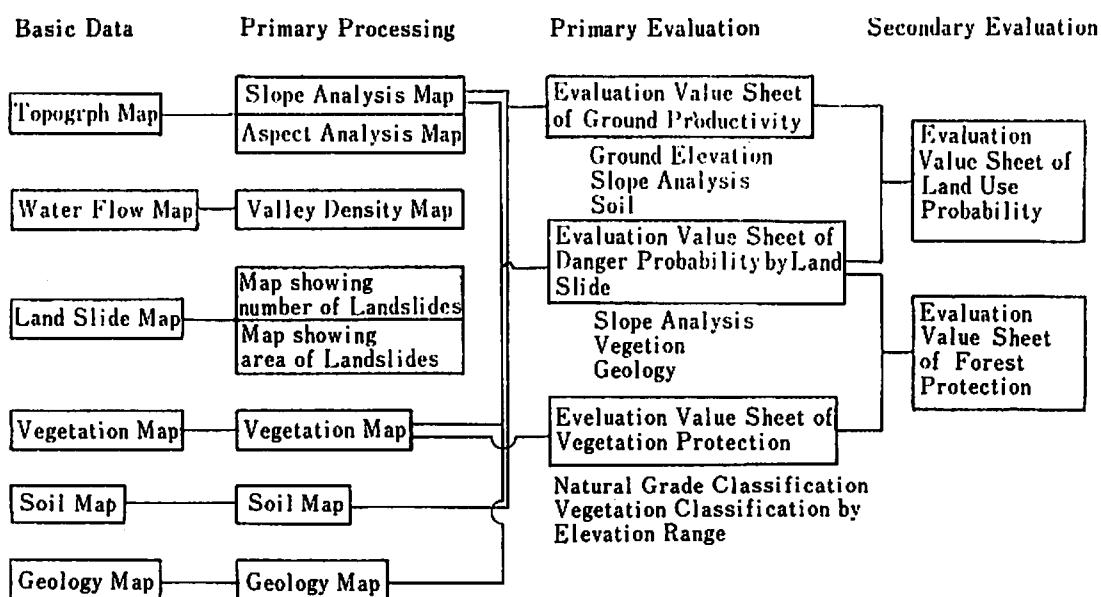


Fig. 5 Environment analysis by computer

within each unit area mesh and denoted by numbers.

1. Topographic map—minimum ground elevation reading 10 meters at the center of one unit mesh.
  2. Geology map—from first to third rank in order of geological classification occupied in one unit mesh.
  3. Landslide frequency map—map showing number and area of landslide.
  4. Vegetation map—from first to third rank in order of area occupied in vegetation

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## SLOPE ANALYSIS

1976.9.20

DATA MAPPED IN 10 LEVELS BETWEEN EXTREME VALUES OF 0. AND 93.33

**ABSOLUTE VALUE RANGE APPLYING TO EACH LEVEL**

| MINIMUM | 0.   | 9.33  | 15.67 | 28.00 | 37.33 | 46.67 | 56.00 | 65.33 | 74.67 | 84.00 |
|---------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| MAXIMUM | 9.33 | 18.67 | 28.00 | 37.33 | 46.67 | 56.00 | 65.33 | 74.67 | 84.00 | 93.33 |

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ABSOLUTE VALUE RANGE APPLYING TO EACH LEVEL

#### FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF DATA POINT VALUES IN EACH LEVEL

| LEVELS    | 1         | 2         | 3         | 4        | 5          | 6         | 7         | 8         | 9         | 10        |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| SYMBOLS   | .....     | .....     | .....     | +++++    | XXXXXXXXXX | 000000000 | 000000000 | 000000000 | 000000000 | 000000000 |
| .....     | .....     | .....     | .....     | ++++++   | XXXXXX     | 000000000 | 000000000 | 000000000 | 000000000 | 000000000 |
| ....1.... | ....2.... | ....3.... | ....4.... | +++++4++ | XXXX5XXXX  | 000060000 | 000070000 | 000050000 | 000040000 | 000030000 |
| .....     | .....     | .....     | .....     | ++++++   | XXXXXX     | 000000000 | 000000000 | 000000000 | 000000000 | 000000000 |
| FREQUENCY | 172       | 113       | 160       | 154      | 178        | 266       | 236       | 139       | 55        | 12        |

Fig. 6

32 (昭55. 3) Environmental Study by pattern classification for evaluating

classification in one unit area.

5. Soil map—from first to third rank in order of area occupied in soil classification.
  6. Water flow map—density of number of valleys. (river system map)

### *3.3. Formation of data file*

Various basic map data can be input into the computer, each file in a matrix-form, known as a unit data file. The drawing by the line printer can be called a computer map as shown in the following figures. (Fig. 6~Fig. 13)

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## ASPECT ANALYSIS

1976.3.27

| LEVEL | LEGEND    |    | DESCRIPTION                              |
|-------|-----------|----|--|
|       | 1         | 10 |  |
| 1     | FIT       |    | GRAY TONES SHOW NORTH THE DARKEST AND    |
| 2     | NORTH     |    | SOUTH THE LIGHTEST. VESTERLY DIRECTIONS  |
| 3     | NORTHEAST |    | ARE SHOWN LIGHTER THAN EASTERLY          |
| 4     | EAST      |    | DIRECTIONS SINCE LATE AFTERNOON SUN IS A |
| 5     | SOUTHEAST |    | GREATER ATTRIBUTE THAN EARLY MORNING SUN |
| 6     | SOUTH     |    | FOR MOST ACTIVITIES.                     |
| 7     | SOUTHWEST |    |  |
| 8     | WEST      |    |  |
| 9     | NORTHWEST |    |  |
| 10    | PEAK      |    |  |

#### FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF DATA POINT VALUES IN EACH LEVEL

| LEVELS    | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8     | 9     | 10    |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SYMBOLS   | ***** | ***** | ***** | ***** | ***** | ***** | ***** | ***** | ***** | ***** |
| FREQUENCY | 45    | 171   | 116   | 219   | 171   | 307   | 131   | 184   | 85    | 57    |

Fig. 7

There are inclination slope analysis map, slope direction analysis map, valley density map, map showing number of landslides, map showing area of landslides, vegetation map, soil map and geology map.

From this topographic unit file, slope analysis, direction map and sunshine energy map were outputted by the computer.

### 3.4. Correlation of unit data

The computer map file can be used for correlation analysis of each unit data file.

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VALLEY DENSITY

1976.9.10

MEAN = 7.94 STANDARD DEVIATION = 11.86

DATA MAPPED IN 10 LEVELS BETWEEN EXTREME VALUES OF 1.50 AND 98.50

| ABSOLUTE VALUE RANGE APPLYING TO EACH LEVEL |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |       |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| MINIMUM                                     | 1.50 | 2.50 | 3.50 | 4.50 | 5.50 | 6.50 | 7.50 | 8.50 | 9.50  | 10.50 | 98.50 |
| MAXIMUM                                     | 2.50 | 3.50 | 4.50 | 5.50 | 6.50 | 7.50 | 8.50 | 9.50 | 10.50 | 11.50 |       |
|   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |       |

| PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ABSOLUTE VALUE RANGE APPLYING TO EACH LEVEL |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1.03  | 1.93 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 90.72 |
|   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF DATA POINT VALUES IN EACH LEVEL

| LEVELS    | 0          | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          | 7          | 8          | 9          | 10         | HIGH VALUES |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| SYMBOLS   | 1111111111 | 2222222222 | 3333333333 | 4444444444 | 5555555555 | 6666666666 | 7777777777 | 8888888888 | 9999999999 | 0000000000 | XXXXXXXXXX | HHHHHHHHHH  |
|           | 1111111111 | 2222222222 | 3333333333 | 4444444444 | 5555555555 | 6666666666 | 7777777777 | 8888888888 | 9999999999 | 0000000000 | XXXXXXXXXX | HHHHHHHHHH  |
|           | 1111111111 | 2222222222 | 3333333333 | 4444444444 | 5555555555 | 6666666666 | 7777777777 | 8888888888 | 9999999999 | 0000000000 | XXXX       | HHHHHHHHHH  |
| FREQUENCY | 2          | 49         | 82         | 124        | 203        | 265        | 263        | 231        | 136        | 63         | 42         | 24          |

Fig. 8

The final purpose of environmental evaluation by computer is to determine the potentiality of land use and forest protection which can be shown as primary evaluation in the former figure of environmental analysis by computer mentioned above.

They are explained in the following divided into three categories.

#### 1) Evaluation of Danger probability of landslide by correlations

This evaluation can be done from the unit file of topographic slope, geology, vegetation and distribution of landslide frequency which are considered as main factors for

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**NUMBER OF LAST SLIDE**

1976.5.13

MEAN = 5.85 STANDARD DEVIATION = 3.74

DATA MAPPED IN 7 LEVELS BETWEEN EXTREME VALUES OF 1.30 AND 8.50

**ABSOLUTE VALUE RANGE APPLYING TO EACH LEVEL**

| MINIMUM | 1.50 | 2.50 | 3.50 | 4.50 | 5.50 | 6.50 | 7.50 |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| MAXIMUM | 2.50 | 3.50 | 4.50 | 5.50 | 6.50 | 7.50 | 8.50 |

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ABSOLUTE VALUE RANGE APPLYING TO EACH LEVEL

| FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF DATA POINT VALUES IN EACH LEVEL |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |             |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| LEVELS  | LOW VALUES |            |            |            |            |            |            | HIGH VALUES |            |
|   | 0          | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          | 7           |            |
| SYMBOLS   | =====      | =====      | =====      | =====      | =====      | =====      | =====      | =====       |            |
|   | 1111111111 | 2222222222 | 3333333333 | 4444444444 | 5555555555 | 6666666666 | 7777777777 | 8888888888  | HHHHHHHHHH |
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|   | 1111111111 | 2222222222 | 3333333333 | 4444444444 | 5555555555 | 6666666666 | 7777777777 | 8888888888  | HHHHHHHHHH |
|   | 1111111111 | 2222222222 | 3333333333 | 4444444444 | 5555555555 | 6666666666 | 7777777777 | 8888888888  | HHHHHHHHHH |
| FREQUENCY   | 412        | 142        | 51         | 13         | 6          | 0          | 0          | 0           |            |
|   | =====      | =====      | =====      | =====      | =====      | =====      | =====      | =====       |            |
|   | 862        |            |            |            |            |            |            |             |            |

Fig. 9

landslide occurrence.

As the rainfall condition is not included, these are mainly primary causes.

## 2) Evaluation of ground productivity

Not only the evaluation of ground productivity but land use probability has been done by using the data file on soil, topography, slope grade and ground elevation. The soil classification can be classified by the classification standard of the soil product probability and adding the ground elevation grade which is related directly to the air temperature.

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**AREA OF LAND SLICE**

1576.3.10

MEAN = 59.69 STANDARD DEVIATION = 46.49

DATA MAPPED IN 8 LEVELS BETWEEN EXTREME VALUES OF 1.50 AND 90.50

**Absolute Value Range Applying to Each Level**

| Minimum | 1.50  | 12.63 | 23.75 | 34.88 | 46.00 | 57.13 | 68.25 | 79.38 | 90.50  |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Maximum | 12.63 | 23.75 | 34.88 | 46.00 | 57.13 | 68.25 | 79.38 | 90.50 | 101.63 |

**PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ABSOLUTE VALUE RANGE APPLYING TO EACH LEVEL**

| Frequency Distribution of Data Point Values in Each Level |     |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |             |
|---|-----|-----|----|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| Low Values  |     |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |             |
| Levels  | 0   | 1   | 2  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | High Values |
| <hr/>   |     |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |             |
| SYMBOLS   | L   | L   | L  | L | L | L | L | L | H           |
|   | L   | L   | L  | L | L | L | L | L | H           |
|   | L   | L   | L  | L | L | L | L | L | H           |
|   | L   | L   | L  | L | L | L | L | L | H           |
|   | L   | L   | L  | L | L | L | L | L | H           |
|   | L   | L   | L  | L | L | L | L | L | H           |
|   | L   | L   | L  | L | L | L | L | L | H           |
|   | L   | L   | L  | L | L | L | L | L | H           |
|   | L   | L   | L  | L | L | L | L | L | H           |
| <hr/>   |     |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |             |
| FREQUENCY   | 142 | 428 | 42 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 863         |

Fig. 10

36 (FIG. 3) Environmental Study by pattern classification for evaluating

3) Evaluation of Vegetation

This was evaluated using files on vegetation, ground elevation and sun shine energy. The vegetation was classified by the natural grade of vegetation regulated by the Environmental Agency of the Government. In case the same kind of vegetation is distributed in several places on the ground elevation, natural grades of the ground elevation considering the statistical distribution of ground elevation were decided. Moreover, sun shine energy calculated from the inclination and direction of the unit area on the inclination

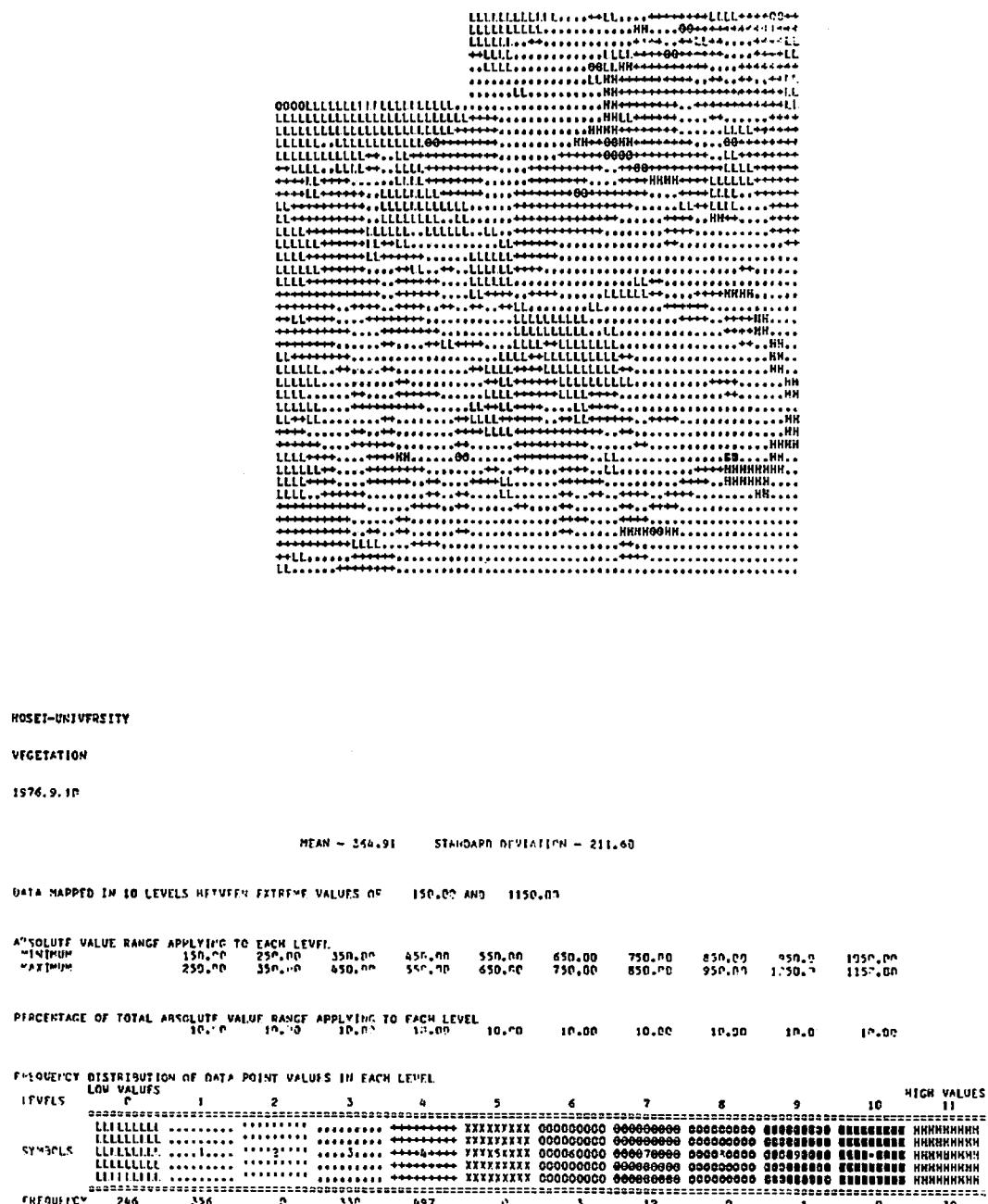


Fig. 11

was the essential factor for evaluating the ecological and practical engineering sides of the existing field vegetation during construction and thus the evaluation of forest protection and land use probability were completed in the secondary evaluation process.

#### 4. Result of studies

##### 4.1. Computer map

This study aims to evaluate the natural grade conditions by the pattern classification using computer in the test area.

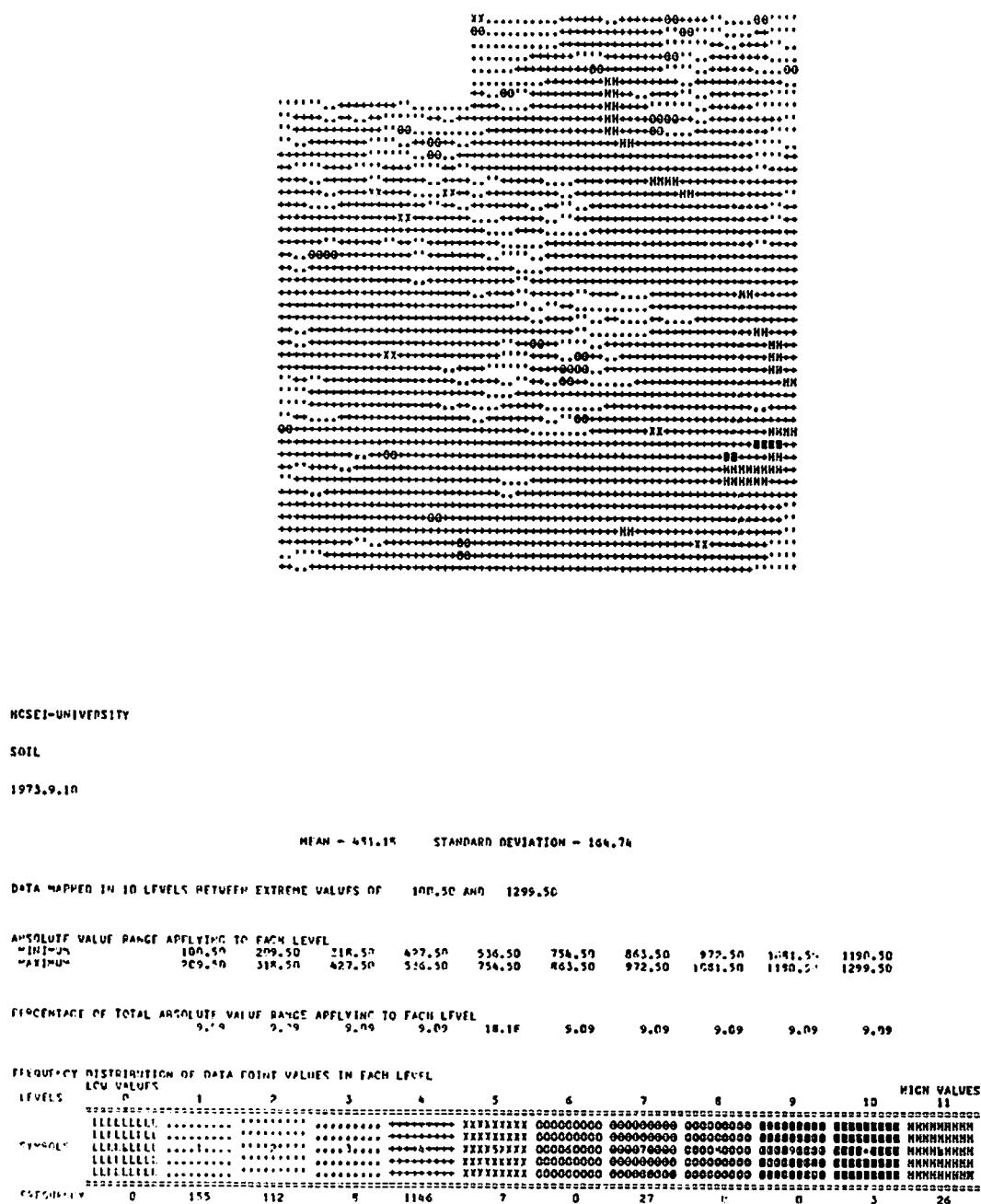


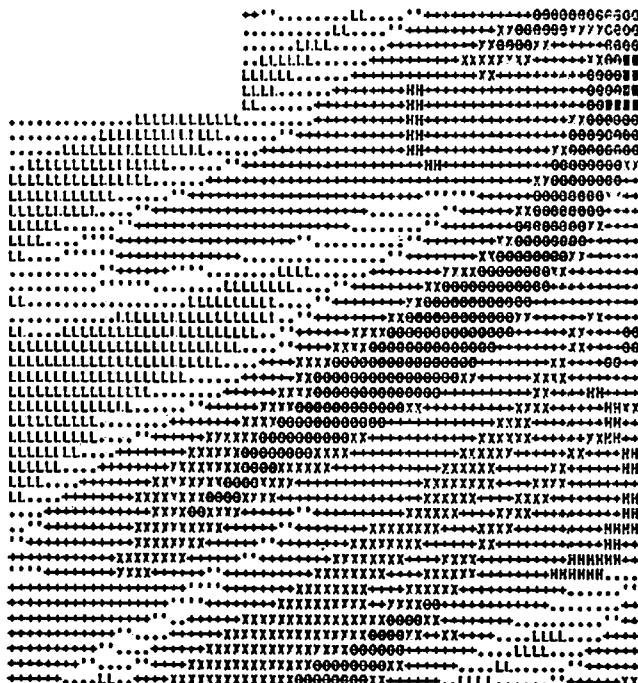
Fig. 12

38 (昭55. 3) Environmental Study by pattern classification for evaluating

At first, the basic maps were formed from each file of factors relating to the construction of forest road. These files were printed out as computer map for clarifying the existing natural conditions.

#### 4.2. Slope Analysis Map

The slope was calculated from the difference of ground elevation between the center of one mesh and the next mesh. The result was classified into 10 ranks as shown in fig. 17. The slope distributing between 37.3~65.3% ( $20^\circ \sim 32^\circ$ ) occupies one half of the total test



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GEOLOGY

1976.9.10

MEAN = 45.03 STANDARD DEVIATION = 17.25

DATA MAPPED IN 7 LEVELS RETURNED EXTREME VALUES OF 19.00 AND 89.00

| ABSOLUTE VALUE RANGE APPLYING TO EACH LEVEL |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| MINIMUM                                     | 19.00 | 29.00 | 39.00 | 49.00 | 59.00 | 69.00 | 79.00 |
| MAXIMUM                                     | 29.00 | 39.00 | 49.00 | 59.00 | 69.00 | 79.00 | 89.00 |

| PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ABSOLUTE VALUE RANGE APPLYING TO EACH LEVEL |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 14.29   | 14.29 | 14.29 | 14.29 | 14.29 | 14.29 | 14.29 | 14.29 |

| FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF DATA POINT VALUES IN EACH LEVEL |            |     |     |     |             |     |     |     |
|---|------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----|
| LEVELS  | LOW VALUES |     |     |     | HIGH VALUES |     |     |     |
|   | 1          | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5           | 6   | 7   | 8   |
| SYMBOLS   | L          | LL  | LLL | LLL | LLL         | LLL | LLL | LLL |
| FREQUENCY   | 124        | 213 | 55  | 631 | 717         | 166 | 5   | 23  |

Fig. 13

area. And it is said that this district is relatively steep and has severe natural conditions.

#### 4.3. Slope direction Analysis

The slope direction was classified into 10 classes as shown in figure 18. The slope facing south is 20% occupying 76 km<sup>2</sup> (20% of total area). The next faces east and southeast, west and north occupying half of the total area and the three directions except east occupy each 12% of the total area.

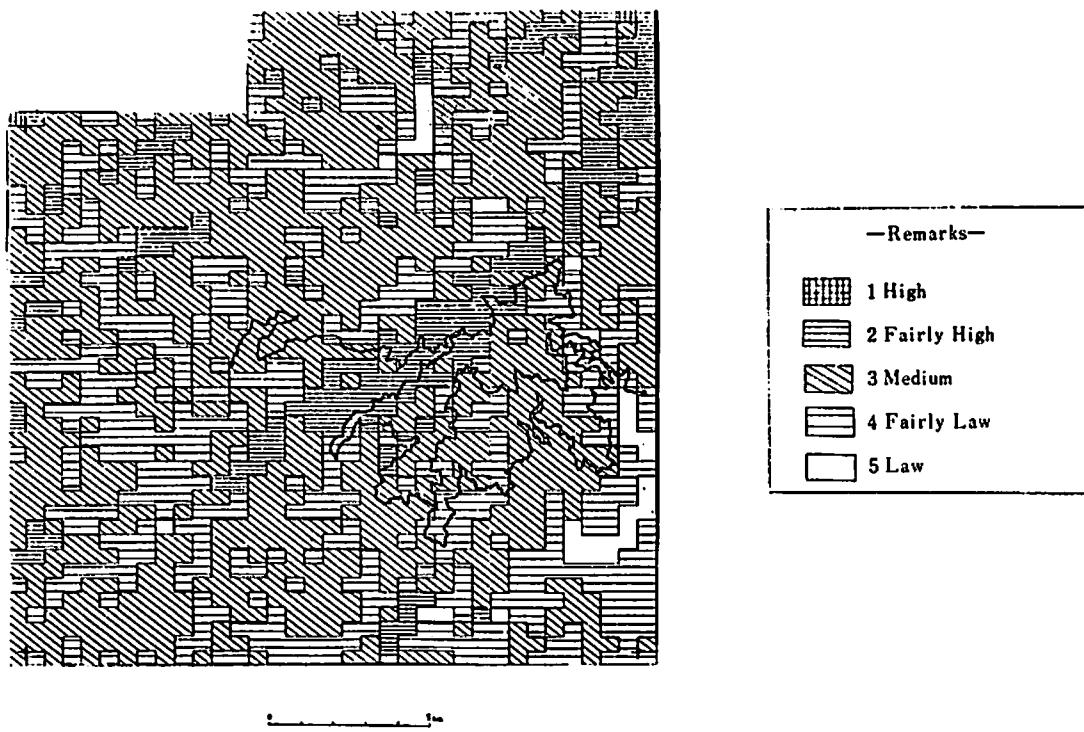


Fig. 14 Evaluation value sheet of danger probability by land slide

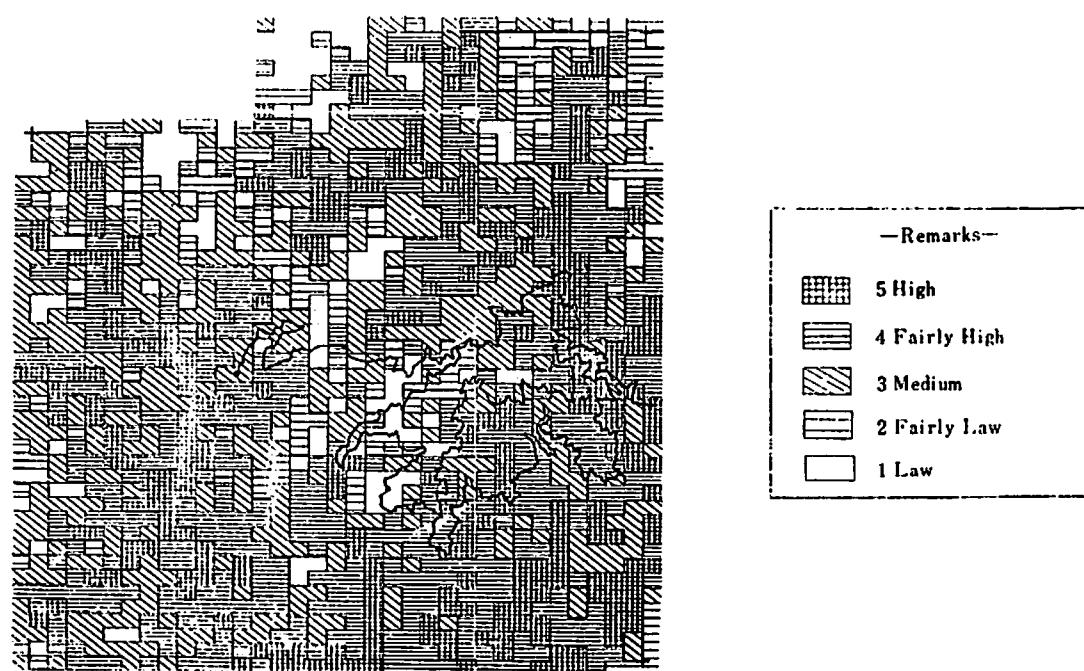


Fig. 15 Evaluation value sheet of ground productivity

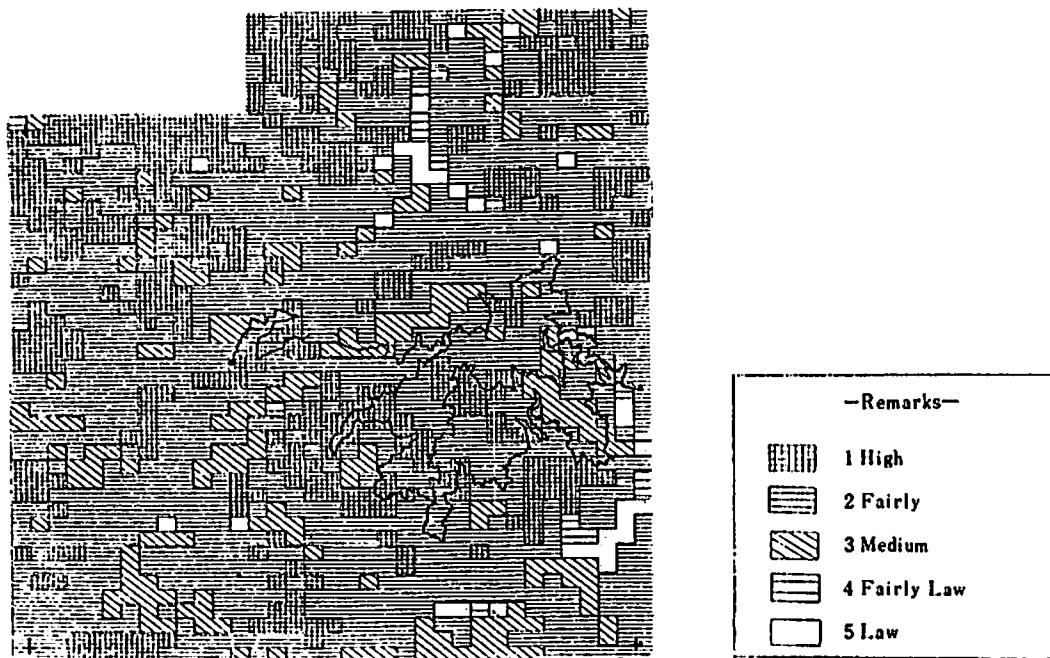


Fig. 16 Evaluation value sheet of vegetation protection

| Level | Slope (%) | Mesh No. | Percent (%) | Area (km²) |
|-------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|
| 1     | 0.0—9.3   | 172      | 12          | 43         |
| 2     | 9.3—18.7  | 113      | 3           | 28         |
| 3     | 18.7—28.0 | 160      | 11          | 40         |
| 4     | 23.0—37.3 | 154      | 10          | 39         |
| 5     | 37.3—46.7 | 173      | 12          | 45         |
| 6     | 46.7—56.0 | 266      | 17          | 66         |
| 7     | 56.0—65.3 | 236      | 16          | 58         |
| 8     | 65.3—74.7 | 138      | 9           | 35         |
| 9     | 74.7—84.0 | 55       | 4           | 14         |
| 10    | 94.0—93.3 | 12       | 1           | 3          |

Fig. 17 Slope analysis

| Level | Number/unit mesh | Mesh No. | Percent (%) |
|-------|------------------|----------|-------------|
| 1     | 0                | 862      | 58          |
| 2     | 1                | 410      | 28          |
| 3     | 2                | 142      | 10          |
| 4     | 3                | 51       | 3           |
| 5     | 4                | 13       | 1           |
| 6     | 5                | 6        | 0           |

Fig. 19 Land slide number

| Level | Area/unit mesh (ha) | Mesh No. | Percent (%) |
|-------|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| 1     | 0                   | 863      | 58          |
| 2     | — 0.25              | 142      | 10          |
| 3     | 0.25—3.00           | 428      | 29          |
| 4     | 3.00—5.75           | 42       | 3           |
| 5     | 5.75—8.50           | 5        | 0           |
| 6     | 8.50—11.50          | 3        | 0           |
| 7     | 11.50—14.25         | 1        | 0           |
| 8     | 14.25—              | 1        | 0           |

Fig. 20 Land slide area

| Level | Direction  | Mesh No. | Percent (%) | Area (km²) |
|-------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| 1     | Pit        | 43       | 3           | 11         |
| 2     | North      | 171      | 12          | 43         |
| 3     | North east | 116      | 8           | 29         |
| 4     | east       | 219      | 14          | 55         |
| 5     | south east | 171      | 12          | 43         |
| 6     | South      | 307      | 20          | 76         |
| 7     | South west | 131      | 9           | 33         |
| 8     | west       | 194      | 12          | 46         |
| 9     | north west | 95       | 6           | 21         |
| 10    | Peak       | 57       | 4           | 14         |

Fig. 18 Aspect analysis

| Level | Number | Mesh No. | Percent (%) |
|-------|--------|----------|-------------|
| 1     | 0      | 24       | 2           |
| 2     | 1—3    | 133      | 9           |
| 3     | 4—6    | 592      | 40          |
| 4     | 7—9    | 630      | 42          |
| 5     | 10—13  | 105      | 7           |

Fig. 21 Valley density

|   | Remarks                   | Mesh No. | Percent (%) |
|---|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Upper turbidite           | 178      | 12          |
| 2 | Upper shale & sand stone  | 213      | 14          |
| 3 | Andesitic tuffbrettia     | 56       | 4           |
| 4 | Middle shale & sand stone | 631      | 43          |
| 5 | Lower turbidite           | 212      | 14          |
| 6 | Lower shale & sand stone  | 166      | 11          |
| 7 | Metabasalt                | 0        | 0           |
| 8 | Lowest shale              | 5        | 0           |
| 9 | Lake                      | 23       | 0           |

Fig. 22 Geology (dominant species by the most occupied area)

|    | Remarks                       | Mesh No. | Percent |
|----|-------------------------------|----------|---------|
| 01 | Coniferous forest             | 246      | 17      |
| 02 | Planted forest                | 356      | 24      |
| 03 | Deciduous coniferous forest   | 0        | 0       |
| 04 | Deciduous broad leaved forest | 330      | 22      |
| 05 | Mixed forest                  | 497      | 33      |
| 06 | Alpine plant                  | 0        | 0       |
| 07 | Grassland                     | 3        | 0       |
| 08 | Treeless land & bareland      | 12       | 1       |
| 09 | Ploughed field, orchard       | 0        | 0       |
| 10 | Puddy                         | 1        | 0       |
| 11 | Settlement                    | 0        | 0       |
| 12 | Miscellaneous                 | 39       | 3       |

Fig. 23 Vegetation (dominant species by the most occupied area)

|    | Remarks                         | Mesh No. | Percent (%) |
|----|---------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 01 | Alpine lithosol Alpine meatow   | 25       | 2           |
|    | Alpine Grass land Alpine podzol |          |             |
| 02 | Slightly podzolic soil          | 130      | 9           |
| 03 | Dark brown forest soil          | 112      | 8           |
| 04 | Dry brown forest soil           | 8        | 1           |
| 05 | Moderately moist forest soil    | 1, 146   | 76          |
| 06 | Wet drown forest soil           | 7        | 0           |
| 07 | Block soil                      | 0        | 0           |
| 08 | Regosol                         | 0        | 0           |
| 09 | Rocky land                      | 27       | 2           |
| 10 | Field soil                      | 0        | 0           |
| 11 | Puddy soil                      | 0        | 0           |
| 12 | Settlement                      | 3        | 0           |
| 13 | River reservation Dam Reservoir | 26       | 2           |

Fig. 24 Soil (dominant species by the most occupied area)

#### 4.4. Land slide frequency

The figure 19 and 20 show the number and area of landslide frequency in one mesh. The number between 4—6 has the most landslides and the next area is between 4—6. Therefore, there are relatively many landslides in this district compared with the other districts. This must be considered very carefully for planning road construction.

#### 4.5. Valley, Density

The number of Valleys was counted by computer from the river systems crossing the four sides of the unit mesh. The figure 21 shows, number of valleys distributing between 4—9 occupies almost 80% of the total meshes.

#### 4.6. Geology, Vegetation and Soil

#### 5. Statistical analysis of basic data

The contents of the computer map with the natural factors such as topographic vegetation, soil, geology etc. were already explained, but it is required for the integrated environmental evaluation with the correlation system to clarify each relationship of natural factors.

In this article, combined relationship of the two factors of natural conditions of the computer input data is discussed as follows.

- 1) relationship between ground elevation and vegetation
- 2) relationship between landslide of geology
- 3) relationship between landslide and slope
- 4) relationship between landslide and vegetation

It is clear from figure 25 that the distribution of vegetation species differ from each ground elevation zone. This result can be used for the integrated evaluation to weigh each vegetation species. Each

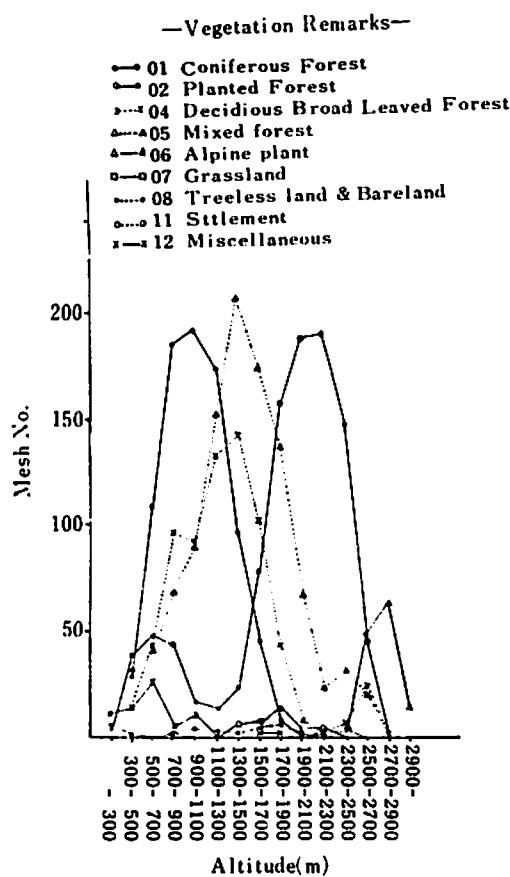


Fig. 25 Altitude vegetation

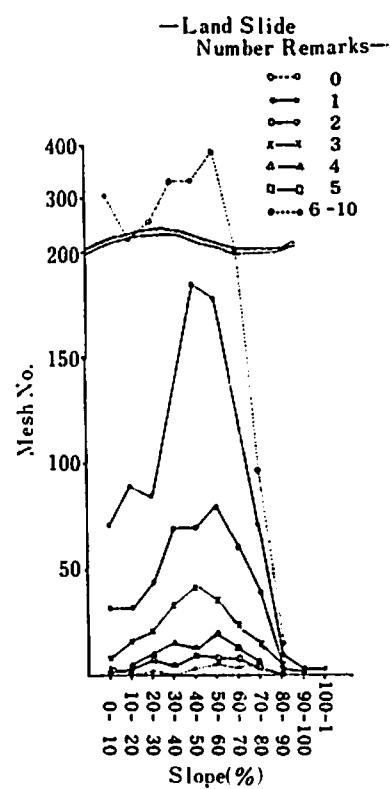


Fig. 26 Land slide-slope

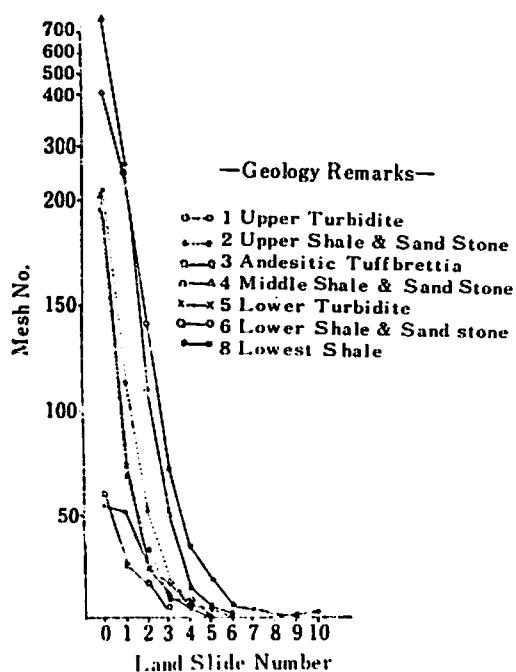


Fig. 27 Land slide-geology

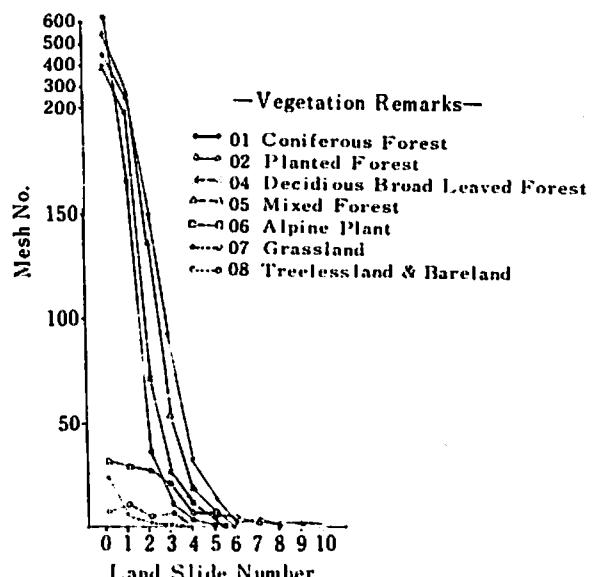


Fig. 28 Land slide-vegetation

vegetation has a peak at a certain elevation point and has a different normal distribution pattern in each vegetation species.

To clarify the occurrence tendency of landslides with the combination of species of geology, vegetation and slope is very important for planning forest roads in mountainous districts in Japan.

Landslides generally occur very often at the grade angle of about 30—50 degrees. But in slopes with grades less than that, the number of landslide occurrence decreases.

Landslides in connection with geology and vegetation species, occur often in the middle and lower shale and sandstone districts. In the districts of Alpine plants and Treeless

| Route         | A     |          | B                |          | C                |          | D                |          |
|---------------|-------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
|               | Value | Mesh No. | Value × mesh No. | Mesh No. | Value × mesh No. | Mesh No. | Value × mesh No. | Mesh No. |
| 5 Law         | 6     | 30       | 6                | 30       | 4                | 20       | 3                | 15       |
| 4 Fairly law  | 13    | 52       | 17               | 68       | 23               | 92       | 21               | 84       |
| 3 Medium      | 32    | 96       | 17               | 51       | 32               | 96       | 41               | 123      |
| 2 Fairly migh | 21    | 42       | 29               | 58       | 1                | 2        | 0                | 0        |
| 1 High        | 0     | 0        | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        |
| Total         | 72    | 220      | 69               | 207      | 60               | 210      | 65               | 222      |

Fig. 29 Evaluation value of danger probability by land slide

| Route         | A     |          | B                |          | C                |          | D                |          |
|---------------|-------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
|               | Value | Mesh No. | Value × mesh No. | Mesh No. | Value × mesh No. | Mesh No. | Value × mesh No. | Mesh No. |
| 5 High        | 19    | 95       | 20               | 100      | 19               | 95       | 15               | 75       |
| 4 Fairly High | 13    | 52       | 10               | 40       | 22               | 88       | 29               | 116      |
| 3 Medium      | 25    | 75       | 17               | 51       | 11               | 33       | 17               | 51       |
| 2 Fairly law  | 9     | 18       | 13               | 26       | 1                | 2        | 0                | 0        |
| 1 law         | 6     | 6        | 9                | 9        | 7                | 7        | 4                | 4        |
| Total         | 72    | 246      | 69               | 226      | 60               | 225      | 65               | 246      |

Fig. 30 Evaluation value of ground productivity

| Route         | A     |          | B                |          | C                |          | D                |          |
|---------------|-------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
|               | Value | Mesh No. | Value × mesh No. | Mesh No. | Value × mesh No. | Mesh No. | Value × mesh No. | Mesh No. |
| 5 Law         | 3     | 15       | 3                | 15       | 3                | 15       | 2                | 10       |
| 4 Fairly law  | 3     | 12       | 3                | 12       | 3                | 12       | 2                | 8        |
| 3 Medium      | 9     | 27       | 3                | 9        | 8                | 24       | 6                | 18       |
| 2 Fairly High | 47    | 94       | 39               | 78       | 29               | 58       | 41               | 82       |
| 1 High        | 10    | 10       | 21               | 21       | 17               | 17       | 14               | 14       |
| Total         | 72    | 158      | 69               | 135      | 60               | 126      | 65               | 132      |

Fig. 31 Evaluation value of vegetation protection

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land and Bare land, the occurrence of landslides are most frequent, followed by coniferous districts.

### 6. Environmental Evaluation for construction of forest roads

In this article, an actual example of environment evaluation for construction of forest roads is discussed. As explained before in the former articles, mesh maps and the relationship of the related factors of natural conditions are prepared in order to select the best route out of four preliminary selected routes.

Four selected routes are compared with the evaluation for Danger probability by landslide, vegetation protection and ground productivity. The evaluation value multiplied by the mesh number and compared with each route is shown in figure 29, 30 and 31.

In this figure, the evaluation value (ranks from 1 to 5) is regulated by each statistical distribution data. For example, in deciding the evaluation value of landslide occurrence probability, the cause factors of landslides such as slope, geology, vegetation etc. are surveyed statistically as discussed in the former article.

| Weight     | 5     | 4     | 3   | 2    | 1       | 0    |
|------------|-------|-------|-----|------|---------|------|
| Slope (%)  | 40—70 | 30—40 | 70< | 30>  |         |      |
| Vegetation | 6     | 8     | 1   | 4, 5 | 2, 3, 7 | 9—12 |
| Geology    | 8, 6  | 7     | 1—4 | 5    |         |      |

Fig. 32 Superposition of evaluation of danger probability by land slide

| Slope grade                    | 0-10 | 10-20 | 20-30 | 30-40 | 40-50 | 50-60 | 60-70 | 70-80 | 80-90 | 90-100 | 100- |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| Landslide frequency            | 201  | 229   | 801   | 447   | 557   | 582   | 392   | 230   | 34    | 4      | 2    |
| Number of mesh                 | 427  | 369   | 423   | 589   | 652   | 706   | 426   | 224   | 32    | 4      | 2    |
| Landslide outbreak probability | 0.47 | 0.62  | 0.71  | 0.76  | 0.85  | 0.82  | 0.92  | 1.03  | 1.00  | 1.00   | 1.00 |

\* Landslide outbreak probability = Landslide frequency/number of mesh

Fig. 33 Landslide frequency & landslide outbreak probability

| Geology grade                  | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4     | 5    | 6     | 7 | 8    |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|---|------|
| Landslide frequency            | 204  | 324  | 80   | 742   | 175  | 1,079 | 1 | 192  |
| Number of mesh                 | 318  | 415  | 109  | 1,180 | 332  | 926   | 1 | 154  |
| Landslide outbreak probability | 0.64 | 0.78 | 0.73 | 0.63  | 0.53 | 1.16  | 1 | 1.25 |

Fig. 34 Landslide frequency & landslide outbreak probability

| Vegetation grade               | 1     | 2    | 3 | 4    | 5     | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12   |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|---|------|-------|------|------|------|---|----|----|------|
| Landslide frequency            | 1,050 | 290  | 4 | 495  | 825   | 265  | 17   | 40   | 0 | 0  | 0  | 13   |
| Number of mesh                 | 988   | 841  | 2 | 707  | 1,041 | 130  | 34   | 28   | 7 | 1  | 7  | 68   |
| Landslide outbreak probability | 1.06  | 0.34 | 2 | 0.70 | 0.79  | 2.04 | 0.50 | 1.43 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0.19 |

Fig. 35 Landslide frequency & vegetation

| Factors                       | Weight | 5                   | 4                  | 3                  | 2              | 1                  | 0                           |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Vegetation<br>(natural grade) |        | 01, 06<br>(9), (10) | 04, 05<br>(8), (8) | 02, 03<br>(6), (6) | 07<br>(5)      | 09, 10<br>(2), (2) | 08, 11, 12<br>(1), (1), (1) |
| Vegetation by elevation range |        | 5                   | 4                  | 3                  | 2              | 1                  | 0                           |
| Sunshine energy               |        | 5<br>(7.1—)         | 4<br>(6.6—7.0)     | 3<br>(6.1—6.5)     | 2<br>(5.6—6.1) | 1<br>(—5.5)        |                             |

Fig. 36 Superposition of evaluation of vegetation protection

| Factors  | Weight               | 5                    | 4                       | 3                       | 2              | 1        | 0      |
|----------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|
| Soil     | 05                   |                      |                         | 04                      | 02             | 01<br>08 | 10, 11 |
|          | 06                   |                      |                         | 07                      | 03             | 09       | 12, 13 |
| Slope    | 0—15%<br>(0—8°)      | 15—27%<br>(8—15°)    | 27—28%<br>(15—30°)      | 58—84%<br>(30—40°)      | 84%—<br>(40— ) |          |        |
| Altitude | 500m<br> <br>1, 000m | 500m<br> <br>1, 000m | 1, 000m<br> <br>1, 500m | 1, 500m<br> <br>2, 000m | 2, 000m<br>    |          |        |

Fig. 37 Superposition of evaluation of ground productivity

|    | Remarks  | Grade of probability of soil productivity |
|----|--|---|
| 01 | Alpine lithosol Alpine meadow<br>Alpine grass land Alpine podzol | 5   |
| 02 | Slightly podzolic soil   | 5   |
| 03 | Dark brown forest soil   | 5   |
| 04 | Dry brown forest Soil  | 4   |
| 05 | Moderately moist forest soil                                     | 1   |
| 06 | Wet brown forest soil  | 1   |
| 07 | Block soil   | 3   |
| 08 | Regosol  | 5   |
| 09 | Rocky land   | 5   |
| 10 | Field soil   | —   |
| 11 | Puddy soil   | —   |
| 12 | Settlement   | —   |
| 13 | River reservation Dan reservoir                                  | —   |

Fig. 38 Grade of probability of soil productivity table

| Route  | A   | B   | C   | D   |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Evaluation value of ground productivity              | 246 | 226 | 225 | 246 |
| Evaluation value of danger probability by land slide | 220 | 207 | 210 | 222 |
| Total  | 466 | 433 | 435 | 468 |

Fig. 39 Evaluation value of ground productivity  
Evaluation value of danger probability by land slide

| Route                                     | A   | B   | C   | D   |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Evaluation value of ground productivity   | 246 | 226 | 225 | 246 |
| Evaluation value of vegetation protection | 158 | 135 | 126 | 132 |
| Total                                     | 404 | 361 | 351 | 373 |

Fig. 40 Evaluation value of ground productivity  
Evaluation value of vegetation protection

46 (昭55. 4) Environmental Study by pattern classification for evaluating

In figures 32, 33, 34 and 35, landslide frequency and landslide occurrence probability in relation to the slope grade of topography, geology species and vegetation species are shown. From these statistical data, the evaluation of the Danger Probability by landslide is decided.

In the same way, evaluation of vegetation protection, and ground productivity are calculated with the statistically related data file.

In this evaluation value table for the danger probability by landslide and vegetation protection, it should be noted that the bigger the number becomes, the lower the value. For the evaluation value of ground productivity, the lower the number, the lower the value.

| Route  | A   | B   | C   | D   |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Evaluation value of danger probability by land slide | 220 | 207 | 210 | 222 |
| Evaluation value of vegetation protection            | 158 | 135 | 126 | 132 |
| Total  | 378 | 342 | 326 | 354 |

Fig. 41 Evaluation value of danger probability by land slide Evaluation value of vegetation protection

| Route  | A   | B   | C   | D   |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Evaluation value of ground productivity              | 246 | 226 | 225 | 246 |
| Evaluation value of danger probability by land slide | 220 | 207 | 210 | 222 |
| Evaluation value of vegetation protection            | 158 | 135 | 126 | 132 |
| Total  | 624 | 568 | 561 | 600 |

Fig. 42 Evaluation value of ground productivity Evaluation value of danger probability by land slide Evaluation value of vegetation protection

| Eva. factors   | Route | A     | B     | C     | D     |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| (1) Evaluation value of ground productivity  |       | 3.417 | 3.275 | 3.750 | 3.785 |
| (2) Evaluation value of danger Probability by land slide   |       | 3.056 | 3.000 | 3.500 | 3.415 |
| (3) Evaluation value of vegetation protection  |       | 2.194 | 1.957 | 2.100 | 2.031 |
| (4) Evaluation value of ground productivity<br>Evaluation value of danger Probability by land slide  |       | 3.236 | 3.138 | 3.625 | 3.600 |
| (5) Evaluation value of danger Probability by land slide<br>Evaluation value of vegetation protection  |       | 2.625 | 2.478 | 2.717 | 2.723 |
| (6) Evaluation value of vegetation protection<br>Evaluation value of ground productivity   |       | 2.802 | 2.616 | 2.925 | 2.908 |
| (7) Evaluation value of ground productivity<br>Evaluation value of danger Probability by land slide<br>Evaluation value of vegetation protection |       | 2.889 | 2.744 | 3.117 | 3.077 |

Fig. 43 Evaluation value per one mesh area (Eva. va./mesh No.)

| Eva. factors |   | Route | A     | B     | C     | D     |
|--------------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| (1)          | Evaluation value of ground productivity   |       | 8.519 | 8.256 | 9.474 | 8.410 |
| (2)          | Evaluation value of danger<br>Probability land slide  |       | 7.619 | 7.562 | 8.842 | 7.590 |
| (3)          | Evaluation value of vegetation protection   |       | 5.472 | 4.932 | 5.305 | 4.513 |
| (4)          | Evaluation value of ground productivity<br>Evaluation value of danger<br>Probability by land slide  |       | 8.069 | 7.909 | 9.158 | 6.000 |
| (5)          | Evaluation value of danger<br>Probability by land slide<br>Evaluation value of vegetation protection  |       | 6.545 | 6.247 | 6.863 | 6.051 |
| (6)          | Evaluation value of vegetation protection<br>Evaluation value of ground productivity  |       | 6.996 | 6.594 | 7.389 | 6.462 |
| (7)          | Evaluation value of ground productivity<br>Evaluation value of danger<br>Probability by land slide<br>Evaluation value of vegetation protection |       | 7.203 | 6.916 | 7.874 | 6.838 |

Fig. 44 Evaluation value per one km length (Eva. va./total length)

| Eva. factors \ Grade | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| (1)                  | D | C | A | B |
| (2)                  | C | D | A | B |
| (3)                  | A | C | D | B |
| (4)                  | C | D | A | B |
| (5)                  | D | C | A | B |
| (6)                  | C | D | A | B |
| (7)                  | C | D | A | B |

Fig. 45 Final grade of integrated evaluation (Eva. va./mesh No.)

| Eva. factors \ Grade | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| (1)                  | C | A | D | B |
| (2)                  | C | A | D | B |
| (3)                  | A | C | B | D |
| (4)                  | C | A | D | B |
| (5)                  | C | A | B | D |
| (6)                  | C | A | B | D |
| (7)                  | C | A | B | D |

Fig. 46 Final grade of Integrated evaluation (Eva. va./km)

| Route | Total length(km) |
|-------|------------------|
| A     | 28,875           |
| B     | 27,375           |
| C     | 23,750           |
| D     | 29,250           |

| Route \ Eva. | Ground productivity | Danger probability | A (%)   | B (%)   | C (%)   | D (%)   |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| A            | High (Eva. 4—5)     | Law (Eva. 4—5)     | 15( 21) | 17( 24) | 25( 41) | 21( 32) |
| B            | Law (Eva. 1—3)      | Law (Eva. 4—5)     | 4( 5)   | 6( 9)   | 3( 5)   | 3( 5)   |
| C            | High (Eva. 1—3)     | High (Eva. 1—3)    | 17( 24) | 13( 19) | 16( 27) | 23( 35) |
| D            | Law (Eva. 1—3)      | High (Eva. 1—3)    | 36( 50) | 33( 48) | 16( 27) | 18( 28) |
| Total        |                     |                    | 72(100) | 69(100) | 60(100) | 65(100) |

Fig. 47 Evaluation value of land use probability (Mesh No.)

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| Route<br>Eva. | Vegetation protection | Danger probability | A (%)   | B (%)   | C (%)   | D (%)   |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| A             | High (Eva. 1-2)       | High (Eva. 1-2)    | 17( 24) | 28( 41) | 1( 2)   | 0( 0)   |
| B             | High (Eva. 1-2)       | Law (Eva. 3-5)     | 40( 35) | 32( 46) | 45( 75) | 55( 85) |
| C             | Law (Eva. 3-5)        | High (Eva. 1-2)    | 2( 3)   | 1( 1)   | 0( 0)   | 0( 0)   |
| D             | Law (Eva. 3-5)        | Law (Eva. 3-5)     | 13( 18) | 8( 11)  | 14( 23) | 10( 15) |
|               | Total                 |                    | 72(100) | 69(100) | 60(100) | 65(100) |

Fig. 48 Evaluation value for forest protection (Mesh No.)

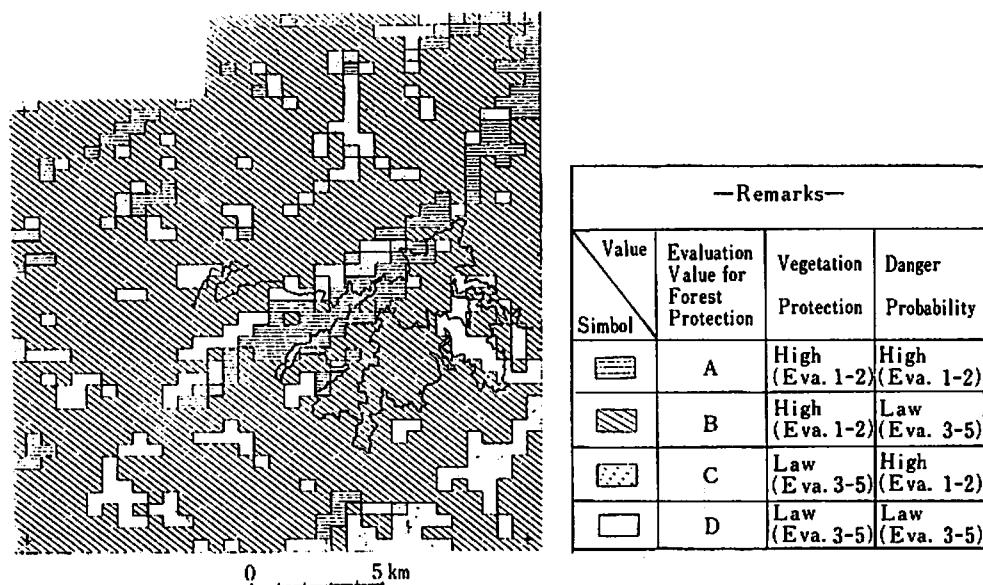


Fig. 49 Evaluation value sheet of foresy protection

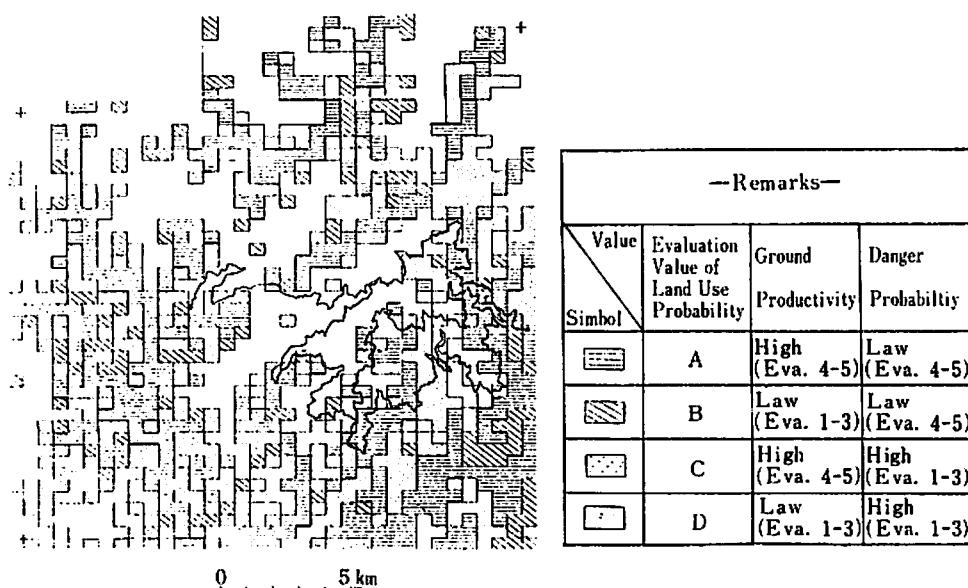


Fig. 50 Evaluation value sheet of land probability

To clarify the relationship of these two and three related factors, correlated evaluations are calculated as shown in figures 36, 37 and 38.

For the four selected roads, correlation of two and three related factors was calculated as shown in figures 39, 40, 41 and 42.

These were calculated for the total length of each route and total meshes which the preliminary routes expect to pass. Therefore, the figures 43 and 44 show the evaluation value for one unit mesh per one km. of the total route length and the final grade of integrated evaluation is shown in figures 45 and 46.

There is one unit evaluation value which is closely related to the cost of construction and a little different from the total evaluation value.

From the final grade of Integrated evaluation, per unit mesh and per one kilometer, C route is the best followed by A route. From the Evaluation value sheet of land use probability and forest protection, the best is C route followed by D route.

To clarify the local character to generalize this system the evaluation value sheet of land use probability and forest protection were drawn by automatic drafter. These are shown in fig. 49 and 50.

The final route selection from analysis of computer data considering the natural environmental conditions was desided as C route.

## Conclusion

The pattern classification by computer has played an important role for environmental evaluation of civil engineering projects as shown in this paper. But there are various problems which must be solved if this method is to be applicable systematically through the final stage of construction using the multispectral data.

Since only a fundamental solution for evaluation study by pattern classification for evaluating the effect of civil engineering projects has been given, we must perform more research in order to find integrated techniques in considering economical and easily applicable conditions.

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