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Highway Assignment

1 The following non-linear speed-density relationship is assumed for a highway link:-

$$u = 0.001(k - 250)^2 - 1.4$$

- where u has units of km/h and k has unit of vehicles per km

Estimate the free-flow speed, the jam density, the speed and density at maximum flow and the lane capacity of the link in question.

Free-flow speed = at solution

Free flow speed = zero density
 $k = 0$

$$\therefore u = 0$$

Solving the equation

$$k = 287 \text{ or } 212 \text{ veh/km}$$

At max q ,

Solving the quadratic equation

Chosen 80.58 veh/km

$$\text{if } k = 80.58 \text{ veh/km}$$

2 The following flow-density relationship is assumed for a highway link:- $q = 0.50u$

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Estimate the free-flow speed, the speed at maximum flow, the maximum flow on the link in question and the density at maximum flow.

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Solution

@ $t = 30s$

$$f(0) = \frac{15}{100} = 0.15$$

$$f(t) = \frac{(q_1)^n e^{-q_1 t}}{n!}$$

$$f(0) = \frac{(q_1)^0 e^{-q_1 \cdot 0}}{0!} = 0.15$$

Therefore

$$e^{-q_1} = 0.15$$

$$-q_1 = \ln(0.15) = -1.89712$$

$$q_1 = 1.89712 + 30 = 0.0632$$

Therefore

$$f(3) = \frac{(0.0632 \times 30)^3 e^{-(0.0632 \times 30)}}{3!}$$

$$= \frac{(1.897)^3 e^{-1.897}}{6} = 0.171$$

There is thus a 17.1% chance that 3 vehicles will arrive within any one interval

$$b \quad P(\text{leadway} > 6) = e^{-6} = 0.002478752 \approx 0.248\% \text{ of the time}$$

$$c \quad P(\text{leadway} \geq 4) = e^{-(0.0632 \times 4)} = 0.779 \approx 77.9\% \text{ of the time}$$

Therefore $P(\text{leadway} \geq 4) = 1 - P(\text{leadway} < 4)$

$$= 1 - 0.221$$

$$= 0.779 \approx 77.9\% \text{ of the time}$$