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Highway Assignment

1) The following non-linear speed-density relationship is assumed for a highway $u = 0.001(k-250)^2 - 1.4$

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

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

⇒ solution

Free flow speed = zero density

$$k=0, \therefore u=0$$

Solving the equation

$$k = 257 \text{ or } 212 \text{ veh/km}$$

At max. u ,

skipping the quadratic equation

$$\text{chosen } 80.58 \text{ veh/km}$$

$$4k = 80.58 \text{ veh/km}$$

2) The following flow-density relationship is assumed for a highway link: $q + 60u(\ln u) = 250u$. Estimate the free-flow speed, the speed at max. flow, the max. flow on the link in question and the density at max. flow

3 soln

a) $t = 30s$

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

$$P(n) = \frac{(qe)^n e^{-qt}}{n!}$$

$$P(0) = \frac{(2t)^0 e^{-2t}}{0!} = 0.15$$

Therefore

$$e^{-2t} = 0.15$$

$$-2t = \ln(0.15) = -1.89712$$

$$2 - 1.89712 + 30 = 0.0632$$

Therefore

$$P(3) = \frac{(0.0632 \times 30)^3 e^{-(0.0632 \times 30)}}{3!}$$
$$= \frac{(1.892)^3 e^{(-1.892)} - 0.17}{6}$$

There is thus a 17.19 chance that 3 vehicles will arrive within any one interval

b) $P(\text{headway} > 6) = e^{-6}$
 $= 0.684, 0.684\%$ of the time

c) $P(\text{headway} > 4) = e^{(-0.652 - 6)} = 0.777$ or 77.2% of time
Therefore $(\text{headway} > 4) = 1 - P(\text{headway} > 4)$
 $= 1 - 0.777$
 $= 0.223$ or 22.3% of the time