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## Traffic Flow (Contd.).

- Formulate the model.

Definition of variable:

Velocity: for a given car in a single lane,

$x(t)$ : position (centre of the car)

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \text{velocity}.$$

Assuming there are multiple cars  $C_1, C_2, \dots$

$x_i(t)$ : position of  $C_i$

$u_i(t)$ : velocity of  $C_i$

$$\Rightarrow u_i(t) = \frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} \quad \checkmark$$

The velocity field:  $u(x, t)$  such that

$$u(x_i(t), t) = u_i(t).$$

Given conditions:

$C_1$ : moves at speed 45 mile/hr and initially located at  $L > 0$ .

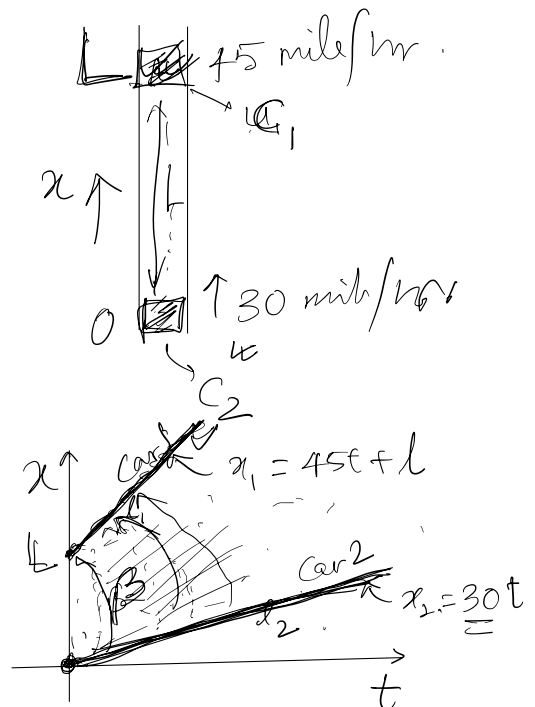
$C_2$ : moves at speed 30 mile/hr and initially located at 0.

$$u_i(t) = \frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = \begin{cases} 45 \\ 30 \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Initial} \\ \text{value problem} \\ \text{of ODE.} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_1(0) = L \\ x_2(0) = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1(t) = \underline{45t + L} \quad \checkmark$$

$$u_2(t) = \frac{dx_2(t)}{dt} = 30 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_2(0) = 0 \end{array} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2(t) = \underline{30t} \quad \checkmark$$



Goal: Model formulation of  $u(x, t)$

such that  $u(l_1) = 45$

$$u(l_2) = 30$$

Assume there exists  $C_p, \beta \in [0, 1]$

$$u_\beta(t) = 30 + 15\beta$$

$$\frac{dx_\beta(t)}{dt} = u_\beta(t) = \underline{30 + 15\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_\beta(t) = \underline{(30 + 15\beta)t + x_\beta(0)}$$

$$x_\beta(0) = \underline{\beta L}$$

Analysis:

velocity field

$$x_\beta(t) = (30 + 15\beta)t + \beta L$$

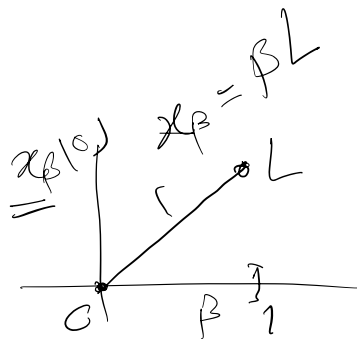
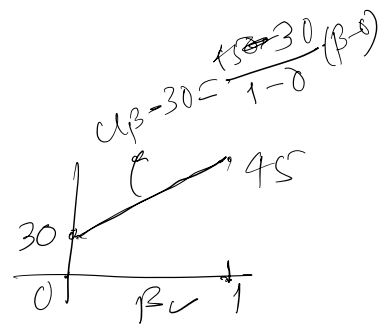
$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{x_\beta(t) - 30t}{15t + L}$$

$$\text{Now, } u(x_\beta(t), t) = u_\beta(t) = 30 + 15\beta$$

$$= 30 + 15 \cdot \frac{x_\beta(t) - 30t}{15t + L}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x_\beta(t), t) = \frac{15x_\beta(t) + 30L}{15t + L}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{u(x, t) = \frac{15x + 30L}{15t + L}}$$



# DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS

Math: # of basis in vector space.

Physics: An expression for a derived physical quantity in terms of fundamental quantities such that mass (M), length (L) or time (T).

Eg. Area =  $L^2$

$$\text{Acceleration} = \frac{[\text{vel}]}{[\text{time}]} = \frac{[\text{dist}]}{[\text{time}][\text{time}]}$$
$$= \underline{\underline{LT^{-2}}}$$

Application:

- allow consistency in model.
- derivation of some formula (tested theories) ✓
- obtain solution ✓

Example: Pythagorean Theorem

Note:

$$\text{Area}(ABC) = f(c, \theta) \quad \checkmark$$

$\theta$  — nondimensional

$$[c] = L$$

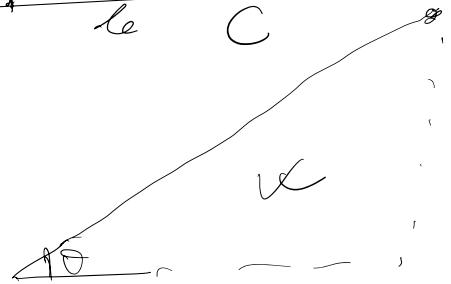
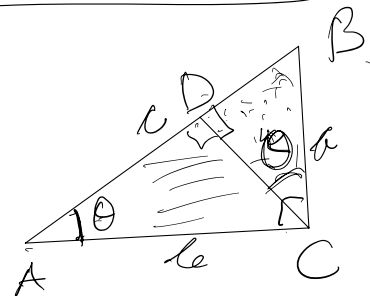
$$[\text{area}] = L^2$$

Dimensional analysis allows

$$\text{area}(ABC) = c^2 \cdot F(\theta)$$

$$\text{area}(ACD) = d^2 F(\theta)$$

$$\text{area}(BCD) = a^2 F(\theta)$$



Note:  $F(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta \cos \theta$

$$\text{area}(ABC) = \text{area}(ACD) + \text{area}(BCD)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{c^2 = b^2 + a^2}$$

Example:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\lambda x(t)$$

$$x(0) = x_0$$

$x$ : density of chemical (drug)  
(solution  $x = ?$ )

$$[x] = \frac{M}{L^3} \quad \frac{\text{unit}}{\text{mg/ml}^3}$$

$$[t] = T$$

$$[x_0] = \frac{M}{L^3} \quad \text{mg/ml}^3$$

$$\frac{M}{L^3} \cdot \frac{1}{T} = -\lambda \cdot \frac{M}{L^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = T^{-1} \quad \text{per h.}$$

Assume  $x(t) = f(t, \lambda, x_0)$

$$\text{Then } [x] = [t^a \lambda^b x_0^c]$$

$$\frac{M}{L^3} = T^a \frac{1}{T^b} \left( \frac{M}{L^3} \right)^c$$

$$\Rightarrow M L^3 = T^{a-b} \cdot M^c \cdot L^{-3c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} a-b=0 \\ c=1 \\ -3c=-3 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{x = x_0 (\lambda t)^a} \quad \swarrow$$

Intuition:  $x$  decreases as  $t$  increases

$$a < 0$$

$$(\lambda t)^a \approx \underline{\underline{e^{-\lambda t}}} \quad \swarrow$$