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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the self-driving infrastructure project. The goal of this project is to redesign the traditional intersections in Hamilton with a self-driving infrastructure that incorporates modern technology. Current automotive intersections lack communication between vehicles and often create dangerous situations for drivers. For example, at a left turn signal, a driver may have difficulty seeing incoming traffic as it is blocked by vehicles on the other side of the road, waiting to turn. Additionally, there exists a lack of synchronicity between vehicles which causes a “Phantom effect” which is when one driver fails to accelerate at a green light, causing the delay to compound and affect all the other cars that are waiting[1]. The final recommendation for this project is to incorporate various sensors throughout a traffic intersection that monitor the number of cars at each section. Additionally, the physical structure of the automotive infrastructure will be revised with the use of bridges which can allow traffic to be in continuous motion especially on left signal turns. In the new model of the automotive intersection, there will be separate sections for left turns which increases the safety of the intersection. Images and further analysis of that model will be discussed in this report. Additionally, there should be poles with mounted sensors that can act as hubs which acquire and manage data transmitted from the self-driving vehicles. This feature will allow the intersection model to reap the benefits of the latest technologies. This design is more effective than previous iterations. The proposed design is more effective than previous iterations that included an underground tunnel for vehicles to make left or right turns. The drawbacks of this design are negative impacts on the environment due to habitat displacement, budget overruns, weak network connectivity, and the need for more materials to reinforce the structure to prevent roads from collapsing. The proposed solution builds upward, eliminating these concerns. The next steps moving forward will be to meet with the government and automobile manufacturers to determine safe and respectful limitations of self-driving infrastructure. This would include the need to make decisions about the ethics and decision making of the self-driving vehicle within the infrastructure. Additionally, it would be important to meet with construction companies to manage the feasibility of the construction of the overpass and sensor mounts used in the intersection.

Introduction

The self-driving infrastructure project is focused on improving the current automotive intersection to be aligned with the rising popularity of self-driving vehicles. The stakeholders involved in this project are the government, the drivers of human and self-driven vehicles, the passengers, pedestrians, manufacturing companies, and more. These stakeholders all possess varying concerns which can be addressed by the PERSEID design method[2]. For example, the government's primary concern is the regulatory aspect of the system while its secondary concern is socio-cultural impacts. The main concern of the manufacturers is performance as they want an effective product. To manage the ethical aspects of the system, the team has decided that the conservation of human life will always be the priority of the system when making decisions. For example, if the vehicle had to decide between hitting an unexpected pedestrian or swerving and hitting a tree, then the vehicle would do so. In order to mitigate the impacts on the environment, the team would also recommend the materials be sourced ethically and sustainably. For constraints, the team must only consider the surrounding buildings as we cannot expand lanes into someone's property. Additionally, the scheduling of the project and the budget are also notable constraints. The objectives are to design a system that should improve traffic flow, create a safer environment, and implement the latest self-driving technologies in a manner that is in respect to the PERSEID design method. Lastly, one assumption that has been validated is that this intersection is mainly for self-driven and human-driven driven.

Design Process

Our initial recommendations for the client were based on the PERSEID method, taking in to account the needs and wants of our stakeholders. These considerations are to implement vehicle communication (i.e., V2X, V2P, or V2I), road expansion, dynamic traffic signalling algorithms (like SCATS (Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System) or SCOOT (Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique)), 3D-mapping technology, and higher speed limits. The final recommendations did not change substantially as they were deemed feasible and necessary in facilitating better traffic flow. Our team decided to include several additional considerations such as directional antennas, private sector collaboration, and piezoelectric generators. Directional

antennas are considered as part of the performance layer because of the environment that our client requests that the intersection design be implemented in which is in an urban setting. Therefore, signals are susceptible to interference from high-rise buildings which are commonplace in an urban setting. By implementing directional antennas which could assist with V2X technology, signals can circumvent zones of interference, consequently minimizing the amount of latency that the end user encounters. This is critical in ensuring the safety of road users as well as improving the performance of the infrastructure. Private sector collaboration was considered as part of the socio-cultural layer as it could provide real-time data on where vehicles are located, increasing locational awareness in the V2X network. This could benefit more than 3D-mapping which is limited to the capabilities of LiDAR technology (i.e., range limitations). Some potential partners would be Uber, Lyft, and other ride share corporations which can provide invaluable information to the V2X network. Piezoelectric generators were considered as part of the environmental layer as they present a revolutionary opportunity to generate voltage via pressure from vehicles passing over road surfaces. Such generators are embedded underneath roads which means that they are generally well-protected from inclement weather thereby reducing the frequency for maintenance. Electrical energy harvested from these generators are useful for supplying power to various aspects of the V2X network such as LiDAR sensors, traffic lights, and directional antennas. Overall, implementing piezoelectric generators is an innovative approach to sustainability.

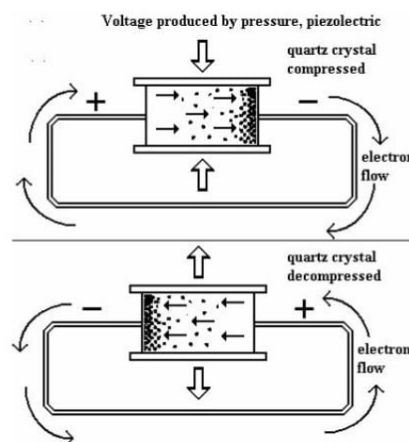


Figure 1. a diagram of the different components of piezoelectric generators by science Canada (2012).

The first client meeting shaped our perception of what needs to be considered as the client provided us with additional details regarding the project scope and what to prioritize. This

included the fact that budget is not a limitation, and the safety of road users possess the highest priority. This means that while we ought not to expend extravagantly on state-of-the-art technology, we should still consider reducing the cost of our infrastructure design based on their efficiency and lifetime. For example, piezoelectric generators can be made from long-lasting materials such as polymers meaning that minimal maintenance is required as it harvests would-be wasted mechanical energy from passing vehicles by converting it to electrical energy. Also, the implementation of directional antennas is parallel with the stipulation that the lives of the road users take the highest priority. Directional antennas can minimize latencies which is critical, especially in urban settings, to avoid potential collisions due to miscommunication.

In the second client meeting, our client requested that we measure the estimated emissions based on the occurrence of different types of vehicles. This puts an emphasis on mitigating the environmental impacts. As such, this reinforces our consideration of implementing piezoelectric generators as the only aspects we can control are improving traffic flow (i.e., performance) and harvesting energy from existing processes (i.e., cars moving over roadways).

Table 1. Decision matrix

	Price	Safety	Efficiency	Installation	Total
V2X	6	9	9	5	29
3D-Mapping	7	8	8	7	30
Private Sector Collaboration	4	8	9	7	28
Wider roads	1	9	9	1	20
Sensor technology	8	8	6	4	26
Piezoelectric generators	1	8	8	3	20
Underground roads	1	6	6	1	14

Round- abouts	6	6	4	2	18
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Based on the decision matrix that was constructed, roundabouts and underground roads are not feasible relative to the other considerations based on price, safety, efficiency, and installation categories. It can be observed that V2X, 3D-mapping, private sector collaboration, and sensor technology have the highest and relatively similar scores which is reasonable as those technologies are necessary to facilitate the V2X network. The wider roads consideration has a mediocre score that is at par with piezoelectric generators. Wider roads aren't desirable as our intersection is located in an urban setting; therefore, space is limited as we advise the client to restrict intruding into greenery, habitats, and potentially devaluing surrounding properties due to noise pollution. Piezoelectric generators remain in our final considerations as they are the only feasible option in limiting the environmental impact by regenerating electrical energy.

Final Proposed Design

This report's final proposed design incorporates several design choices which optimize specific considerations for the regulatory, environmental, socio-cultural, and performance aspects of the project. Overall, the final proposed design is a high-speed, adaptive intersection maximizes efficiency and the advantages of self-driven vehicles while also minimizing the horizontal space used by the system. This project was designed for use in an urban or suburban setting. As such, space complexity was one of our main design considerations. Alternatives such as roundabout or single-level intersection designs were considered, yet a double-level intersection was chosen largely due to the advantages of building upwards to save space outwards.

The double-level design was also chosen to isolate left turning vehicles in the intersection, as only left-turning vehicles will ascend to the 2nd level of the system. Left turns are the most dangerous maneuver vehicles regularly perform in an intersection [3], and this design aims to increase safety similar to left-turn signals without interfering with other traffic. Isolating left turning vehicles also presents the opportunity to have dedicated auxiliary lanes for traffic moving straight and turning right. This further prevents congestion and allows for an optimized traffic signal system.

There are four specific technical design implementations that contribute to the traffic signal system; vehicle-to-everything (V2X), object mapping, traffic signal timing, and private sector collaboration. All of these technologies involve the collection or usage of data to minimize the waiting time of vehicles at the intersection, while also using the information gathered to increase safety by communicating with self-driven vehicles and relieving vehicles from the system efficiently. V2X is among the most important of these technologies, as it facilitates wireless communication between different parts of the infrastructure and self-driven vehicles. V2X protocols boast the ability to transfer complex and critical information with minimal latency and proved more effective than other network alternatives.

Information from object mapping cameras are most commonly transported using V2X. By using object mapping, the infrastructure can determine the positions of human driven cars

and predict where human drivers may be travelling to. This is useful in identifying the load on the different parts of the system and when certain vehicles arrived to the system, and can be done with just a few object mapping cameras rather than dedicated sensors for each location in the intersection. Relaying object information to self-driven cars can help autonomous vehicles react to the unexpected actions and possible intentions of human drivers. Data on vehicle location and load can be used with traffic signal timing algorithms to optimize traffic flow.

Sydney Co-ordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS) is a responsive traffic algorithm developed and used in Sydney for controlling urban traffic [3]. Similar algorithms can be used to change the signal states of an intersection in accordance with load at different points of the system without compromising safety. SCATS was chosen for this project as it is recognized as one of the world's best traffic algorithms with up to 21% reduced travel times and 12% reduced fuel consumption. Other systems struggle to compare with the success that SCATS has had worldwide. The data used by this algorithm can be increased exponentially with collaboration from external sources.

By collaborating with private sector corporations such as Uber, Lyft, and Google, the intersection can receive real-time data on traffic flow and can adapt accordingly using SCATS. This information will aid the intersection in adapting to varying loads on the system, which was the subject of the final client request from week 10. Referendums with the local population will need to be held to approve of the use of data collection for infrastructure enhancement. Regardless of the use of private sector collaboration, this intersection was designed to adapt to irregular traffic flow and will not need further changes to accommodate the final client request.

The last design decision included the intersection does not directly support the system's performance. Piezoelectric generators were added to the road in the final proposed design to generate electricity from vehicles using the system, therefore increasing the energy efficiency of the intersection. The generators will be low cost and easy to maintain, adding virtually no downside to implementation [7]. Other experimental energy generation methods were explored, such as thermoelectric and photovoltaic generators. Neither proved to be a better alternative than piezoelectric generators when comparing cost, maintainability, and feasibility in this project [8, 9].

When evaluating the safety of a freshly constructed intersection or interchange, the quantity of conflict locations is a key consideration. Conflict points, which are places where separate vehicles' trajectories cross, can be divided into three types: crossing, merging, or diverging. Crossing conflict spots happen when two moving vehicles cross paths, and because head-on crashes are more likely, they are frequently linked to more severe crash types. On the other hand, conflict locations at which two or more moving vehicles merge or diverge tend to cause fewer serious collisions. This is so that the likelihood of high-impact collisions can be reduced. Merging and diverging motions typically involve cars moving at varying speeds and in the same direction. Therefore, A safer and more effective intersection or interchange design may include fewer crossing conflict sites and more merging and diverging conflict points.[4]

The analysis of a traditional two-way signal intersection, as depicted in the figure below, reveals valuable insights. The data shows that there is a total of 16 crossing conflict points, where vehicles moving in opposite directions intersect. In contrast, there are 8 merging conflict points and 8 diverging conflict points, where vehicles are either merging or diverging in the same direction. A comparison with the typical intersection layout will be done to gauge the effectiveness of the intersection or interchange design. There should be fewer overall conflicts and fewer crossing conflicts because of the novel design, which would suggest enhanced regulatory procedures. This comparison will give important information about the intersection's or interchange's safety performance, prove the efficiency of the design in preventing possible collisions, and raise overall road user safety.

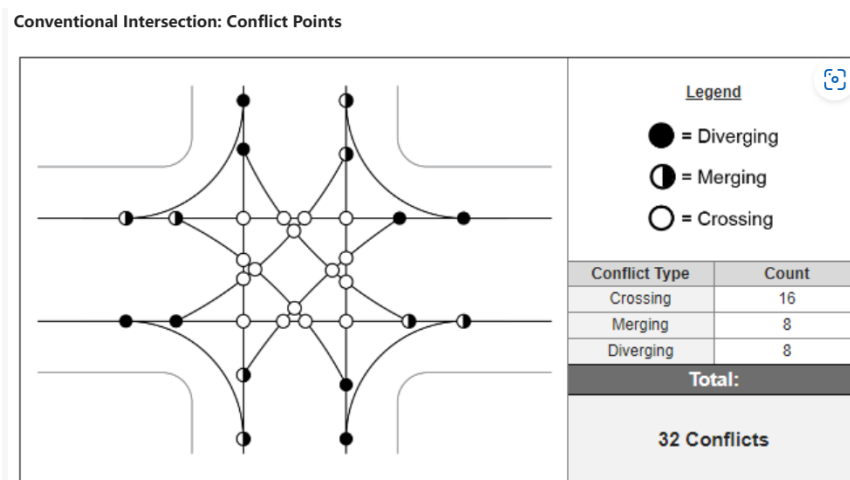


Figure 2

The analysis of the intersection layout for this design project is shown in the image below. Only 8 crossing conflicts, 4 merging conflicts, and 4 diverging conflicts, for a total of 16 conflicts, are shown. Comparatively speaking, there are just half as many disputes as there would be at a typical crossing. These results suggest that the creative intersection or interchange design has successfully decreased the number of conflicts, making it safer from the standpoint of layout. This lends support to the idea that the design has improved safety regulations and can increase overall intersection or interchange user safety. In addition, the V2X and other technologies that have been mentioned before are what the traditional intersection does not have, which will also give the driver better perspectives to improve the safety metrics of the intersections.

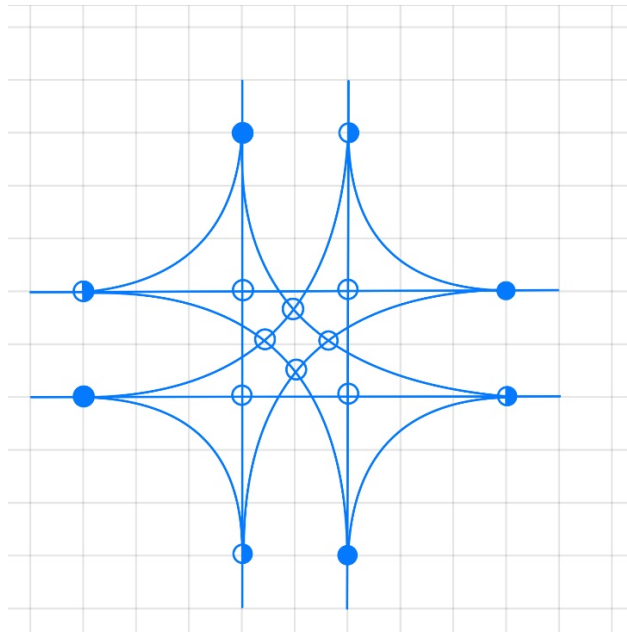


Figure 3

Additionally, a simulation of the intersection has been created to provide a visual representation of its operation. Simulations play a crucial role in data science and machine learning, as they can generate large datasets at a relatively lower cost when obtaining real-world data is not feasible or expensive. Simulations can also help address gaps in real-world data, such as capturing edge cases that may be critical for the development of the model.[6] Simulator development is a complex and difficult procedure that uses modelling methods and mathematical calculations. The appendix contains information on the relevant article and code that is not covered here. However, as long as the waiting automobiles are removed from the page, according to the simulation's findings, the constructed intersection can handle a flow rate of 70

(as stated in the Python code) without encountering traffic congestion for a period of 120 minutes. The typical intersection, in contrast, can only manage a flow rate of 40. The picture below shows a screenshot of the simulation's results.

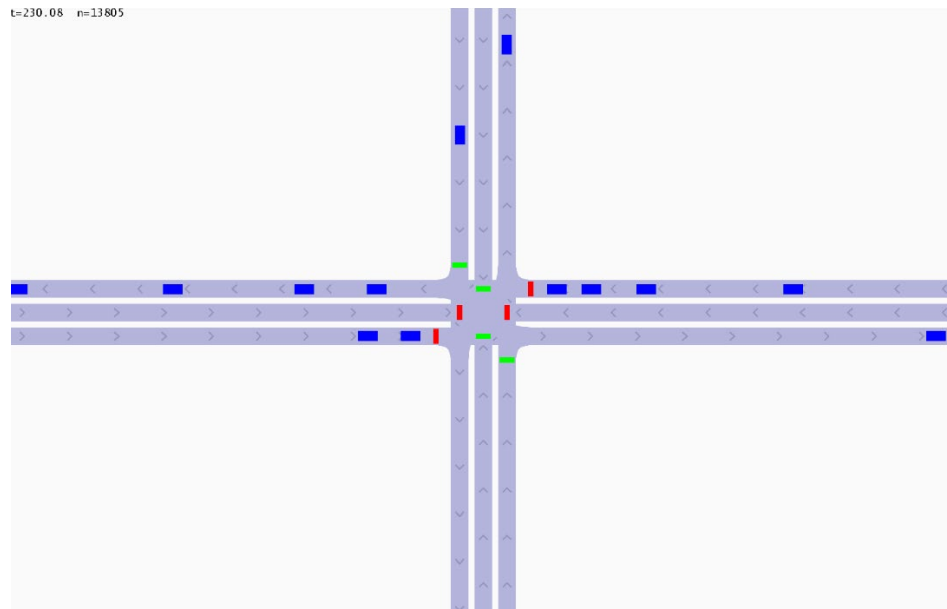


Figure 4 Intersection Simulations

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Appendix

Client Request 1: Graph the average travel time as a function of load on the system

```
1  import random
2
3  """
4  2PX3 Intersection Simulation Starting Code
5
6  Simulation for a "cautious" intersection. Modelling choices:
7  1) A vehicles arrives from N, E, S, or W and must wait for other cars
8  ahead of them to clear the intersection.
9  2) Only one car can be "clearing" the intersection at once.
10 3) Before a car can begin to clear the intersection, it must come to a stop
11 4) Cars will clear the intersection in a one-at-a-time counter-clockwise manner
12
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14 """
15
16 #Constants
17 ARRIVAL = "Arrival"
18 DEPARTURE = "Departure"
19 STOP = "Stop"
20 N = "North"
21 E = "East"
22 S = "South"
23 W = "West"
24 MEAN_ARRIVAL_TIME = 5
25 PRINT_EVENTS = False
26
27 class Driver:
28     stop_time = 5
29     clear_time = 10
30
31     def __init__(self, name, arrival_time):
32         self.name = name
33         self.arrival_time = arrival_time
34
35     #Returns driver instance stop time
36     def get_stop_time(self):
37         return self.stop_time
38
39     #Returns driver instance clear time
40     def get_clear_time(self):
41         return self.clear_time
42
43
44 class Event:
45     def __init__(self, event_type, time, direction):
46         self.type = event_type
47         self.time = time
48         self.direction = direction
49
50
51 class EventQueue:
52
53     def __init__(self):
54         self.events = []
55
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56     #Add event (will get sent to the back of the queue)
57     def add_event(self, event):
58         #print("Adding event: " + event.type + ", clock: " + str(event.time))
59         self.events.append(event)
60
61     #Get the next event in the queue and pop it (remove it)
62     #Returns removed next event
63     def get_next_event(self):
64         min_time = 999999999999
65         min_index = 0
66         for i in range(len(self.events)):
67             if self.events[i].time < min_time:
68                 min_time = self.events[i].time
69                 min_index = i
70         event = self.events.pop(min_index)
71         #print("Removing event: " + event.type + ", clock: " + str(event.time))
72
73         return event
74
75     class Simulation:
76         upper_arrival_time = 2 * MEAN_ARRIVAL_TIME
77         def __init__(self, total_arrivals):
78             self.num_of_arrivals = 0
79             self.total_arrivals = total_arrivals
80             self.clock = 0
81
82             """
83             Each road is represented as a list of waiting cars. You may
84             want to consider making a "road" a class.
85             """
86             self.north, self.east, self.south, self.west = [], [], [], []
87             self.north_ready = False
88             self.east_ready = False
89             self.south_ready = False
90             self.west_ready = False
91             self.intersection_free = True
92             self.events = EventQueue()
93             self.generate_arrival()
94             self.print_events = PRINT_EVENTS
95             self.data = []
96
97     #Enable printing events as the simulation runs
98     def enable_print_events(self):
99         self.print_events = True
100
101     #Method that runs the simulation
102     def run(self):
103         while self.num_of_arrivals <= self.total_arrivals:
104             if self.print_events:
105                 self.print_state()
106             self.execute_next_event()
107
108     #Execute the next event in the queue
109     #Get next event, and execute appropriate method depending on event type)
110     def execute_next_event(self):
111         event = self.events.get_next_event()
112         self.clock = event.time
113         if event.type == ARRIVAL:
114             self.execute_arrival(event)
115         if event.type == DEPARTURE:

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116         self.execute_departure(event)
117     if event.type == STOP:
118         self.execute_stop(event)
119
120     #Driver leaving intersection event
121     def execute_departure(self, event):
122         if self.print_events:
123             print(str(self.clock)+ ": A driver from the " + event.direction + "
has cleared the intersection.")
124
125         #Lots of "traffic logic" below. It's just a counter-clockwise round-
robin.
126         if event.direction == N:
127
128             #No drivers left to depart from the North
129             if self.north == []:
130                 self.north_ready = False
131
132             #Carry on to other direction waitlists
133             if self.west_ready:
134                 self.depart_from(W)
135             elif self.south_ready:
136                 self.depart_from(S)
137             elif self.east_ready:
138                 self.depart_from(E)
139             elif self.north_ready:
140                 self.depart_from(N)
141             else:
142                 self.intersection_free = True
143
144         if event.direction == E:
145
146             #No drivers left to depart from the East
147             if self.east == []:
148                 self.east_ready = False
149
150             #Carry on to other direction waitlists
151             if self.north_ready:
152                 self.depart_from(N)
153             elif self.west_ready:
154                 self.depart_from(W)
155             elif self.south_ready:
156                 self.depart_from(S)
157             elif self.east_ready:
158                 self.depart_from(E)
159             else:
160                 self.intersection_free = True
161
162         if event.direction == S:
163
164             #No drivers left to depart from the South
165             if self.south == []:
166                 self.south_ready = False
167
168             #Carry on to other direction waitlists
169             if self.east_ready:
170                 self.depart_from(E)
171             elif self.north_ready:
172                 self.depart_from(N)
173             elif self.west_ready:
174                 self.depart_from(W)

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175         elif self.south_ready:
176             self.depart_from(S)
177         else:
178             self.intersection_free = True
179
180     if event.direction == W:
181
182         #No drivers left to depart from the West
183         if self.west == []:
184             self.west_ready = False
185
186         #Carry on to other direction waitlists
187         if self.south_ready:
188             self.depart_from(S)
189         elif self.east_ready:
190             self.depart_from(E)
191         elif self.north_ready:
192             self.depart_from(N)
193         elif self.west_ready:
194             self.depart_from(W)
195         else:
196             self.intersection_free = True
197
198     #Create departure event for the first driver from the queue in the passed di
rection
199     def depart_from(self, direction):
200
201         #Make departure event for first car in North queue
202         if direction == N:
203             clear_time = self.clock + self.north[0].get_clear_time()
204             new_event = Event(DEPARTURE, clear_time, N)
205             driver = self.north.pop(0) #Car proccessing into the intersection
206
207         #Make departure event for first car in East queue
208         if direction == E:
209             clear_time = self.clock + self.east[0].get_clear_time()
210             new_event = Event(DEPARTURE, clear_time, E)
211             driver = self.east.pop(0) #Car proccessing into the intersection
212
213         #Make departure event for first car in South queue
214         if direction == S:
215             clear_time = self.clock + self.south[0].get_clear_time()
216             new_event = Event(DEPARTURE, clear_time, S)
217             driver = self.south.pop(0) #Car proccessing into the intersection
218
219         #Make departure event for first car in West queue
220         if direction == W:
221             clear_time = self.clock + self.west[0].get_clear_time()
222             new_event = Event(DEPARTURE, clear_time, W)
223             driver = self.west.pop(0) #Car proccessing into the intersection
224
225         self.events.add_event(new_event)
226         self.intersection_free = False
227         self.data.append(clear_time - driver.arrival_time)
228
229     #Stop driver at intersection, and call depart method to add depart event to
queue
230     def execute_stop(self, event):
231         if self.print_events:
232             print(str(self.clock)+ ": A driver from the " + event.direction + "
has stopped.")

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233
234         if event.direction == N:
235             self.north_ready = True
236             if self.intersection_free:
237                 self.depart_from(N)
238
239         if event.direction == E:
240             self.east_ready = True
241             if self.intersection_free:
242                 self.depart_from(E)
243
244         if event.direction == S:
245             self.south_ready = True
246             if self.intersection_free:
247                 self.depart_from(S)
248
249         if event.direction == W:
250             self.west_ready = True
251             if self.intersection_free:
252                 self.depart_from(W)
253
254     #Start arrival event
255     def execute_arrival(self, event):
256         driver = Driver(self.num_of_arrivals, self.clock)
257         if self.print_events:
258             print(str(self.clock)+ ": A driver arrives from the " + event.direction + ".")
259
260         if event.direction == N:
261             if self.north == []: #Car needs to stop before clearing
262                 self.north_ready = False
263                 self.north.append(driver)
264                 new_event = Event(STOP, self.clock + driver.get_stop_time(), N)
265                 self.events.add_event(new_event)
266
267         elif event.direction == E:
268             if self.east == []: #Car needs to stop before clearing
269                 self.east_ready = False
270                 self.east.append(driver)
271                 new_event = Event(STOP, self.clock + driver.get_stop_time(), E)
272                 self.events.add_event(new_event)
273
274         elif event.direction == S:
275             if self.south == []: #Car needs to stop before clearing
276                 self.south_ready = False
277                 self.south.append(driver)
278                 new_event = Event(STOP, self.clock + driver.get_stop_time(), S)
279                 self.events.add_event(new_event)
280
281         else:
282             if self.west == []: #Car needs to stop before clearing
283                 self.west_ready = False
284                 self.west.append(driver)
285                 new_event = Event(STOP, self.clock + driver.get_stop_time(), W)
286                 self.events.add_event(new_event)
287
288         self.generate_arrival() #Generate the next arrival
289
290     #Generate a car arriving at the intersection
291     def generate_arrival(self):
292         #Generates a random number uniformly between 0 and upper_arrival_time

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293         inter_arrival_time = random.random() * self.upper_arrival_time
294         time = self.clock + inter_arrival_time
295
296         r = random.random()
297         #Equally likely to arrive from each direction
298         if r < 0.25:
299             self.events.add_event(Event(ARRIVAL, time, N))
300         elif r < 0.5:
301             self.events.add_event(Event(ARRIVAL, time, E))
302         elif r < 0.75:
303             self.events.add_event(Event(ARRIVAL, time, S))
304         else:
305             self.events.add_event(Event(ARRIVAL, time, W))
306         self.num_of_arrivals += 1 #Needed for the simulation to terminate
307
308     def print_state(self):
309         print("[N,E,S,W] = [" + str(len(self.north)) + "," + str(len(self.east)) +
310             ", " + str(len(self.south)) + "," + str(len(self.west)) + "]")
311
312     def generate_report(self):
313         #Define a method to generate statistical results based on the time value
314         #s stored in self.data
315         #These could included but are not limited to: mean, variance, quartiles,
316         #etc.
317         print()
318
319     def average(L):
320         return sum(L)/len(L)
321
322     time_array = []
323     # To simulate for different load
324     for x in range(10,101,10):
325         sim = Simulation(x)
326         sim.run()
327         #To get the average time
328         time_array.append(average(sim.data))
329
330     print(time_array)
331     # init load array
332     load_array = list(range(10,101,10))
333     print(load_array)
334
335     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
336     # x-axis: load; y-axis: time
337     plt.plot(load_array,time_array)
338     plt.ylabel('time(s)')
339     plt.xlabel('load(num)')
340     plt.show()

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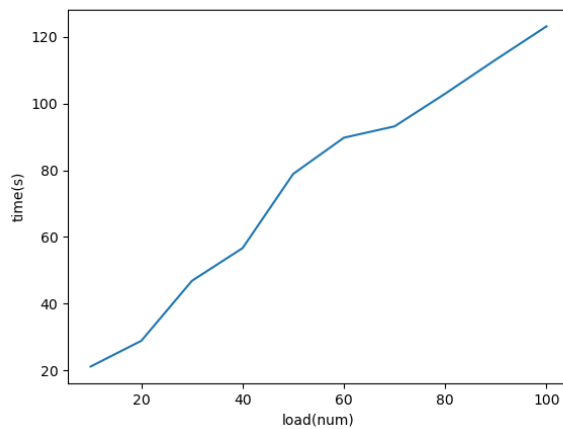


Figure # number of cars vs. the average waiting time

Client Request 2: graphical representation of the diff in performance of self-driving and human driven.

```

1  import random
2  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4
5  #Constants
6  # Event types:
7  ARRIVAL = "Arrival"
8  STOP = "Stop"
9  CLEAR = "Clear"
10
11 # Directions:
12 N = "North"
13 E = "East"
14 S = "South"
15 W = "West"
16
17
18 #Controls
19 TIME_STEP = 0.5
20 ARRIVAL_TIME = 10
21 HUMAN_CLEAR_TIME = 3.5
22 SDC_CLEAR_TIME = 2
23 HUMAN_TURNING_TIME = 5.5
24 SDC_TURNING_TIME = 4
25 HUMAN_MIN_STOP_TIME = 2.5
26 SDC_MIN_STOP_TIME = 1
27
28
29 NORTH_CAR_PROBABILITY = 0.1
30 EAST_CAR_PROBABILITY = 0.1

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31 SOUTH_CAR_PROBABILITY = 0.1
32 WEST_CAR_PROBABILITY = 0.1
33
34
35 TURN_PROBABILITY = 0.1
36 LEFT_TURN_PROBABILITY = 0.33
37 HUMAN_PROBABILITY = 0.9
38
39 #Classes
40
41 class Driver:
42
43     def __init__(self, name, time, arrival_time, direction_from, direction_to, is_human):
44         self.name = name
45         self.is_human = is_human
46         self.event = ARRIVAL
47         self.start_time = time
48         self.direction_from = direction_from
49         self.direction_to = direction_to
50         self.elapsed_time = 0
51         self.busy_time = arrival_time
52
53     def get_from_to(self):
54         return [self.direction_from, self.direction_to]
55
56 class DriverQueue:
57
58     def __init__(self):
59         self.north, self.east, self.south, self.west = [], [], [], []
60         self.north_stop, self.east_stop, self.south_stop, self.west_stop = [], [], [], []
61         self.intersection = []
62
63     def add_driver_arrivals(self, driver):
64         if driver.direction_from == N:
65             self.north.append(driver)
66         elif driver.direction_from == E:
67             self.east.append(driver)
68         elif driver.direction_from == S:
69             self.south.append(driver)
70         elif driver.direction_from == W:
71             self.west.append(driver)
72
73     def add_driver_stop(self, driver):
74         if driver.direction_from == N:
75             self.north_stop.append(driver)
76         elif driver.direction_from == E:
77             self.east_stop.append(driver)
78         elif driver.direction_from == S:
79             self.south_stop.append(driver)
80         elif driver.direction_from == W:
81             self.west_stop.append(driver)
82
83     def add_driver_intersection(self, driver):
84         self.intersection.append(driver)
85
86     def elapse_driver_time(self):
87         for driver in self.north:
88             driver.busy_time -= TIME_STEP
89         for driver in self.east:

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90         driver.busy_time -= TIME_STEP
91     for driver in self.south:
92         driver.busy_time -= TIME_STEP
93     for driver in self.west:
94         driver.busy_time -= TIME_STEP
95     for driver in self.north_stop:
96         driver.busy_time -= TIME_STEP
97     for driver in self.west_stop:
98         driver.busy_time -= TIME_STEP
99     for driver in self.south_stop:
100         driver.busy_time -= TIME_STEP
101     for driver in self.east_stop:
102         driver.busy_time -= TIME_STEP
103     for driver in self.intersection:
104         driver.busy_time -= TIME_STEP
105
106     def get_next_driver(self):
107         min_busy_time = 0
108         driver = None
109         if len(self.north_stop) != 0 and self.north_stop[0].busy_time < min_busy_
_time:
110             min_busy_time = self.north_stop[0].busy_time
111             driver = self.north_stop[0]
112         if len(self.east_stop) != 0 and self.east_stop[0].busy_time < min_busy_t
ime:
113             min_busy_time = self.east_stop[0].busy_time
114             driver = self.east_stop[0]
115         if len(self.south_stop) != 0 and self.south_stop[0].busy_time < min_busy
_time:
116             min_busy_time = self.south_stop[0].busy_time
117             driver = self.south_stop[0]
118         if len(self.west_stop) != 0 and self.west_stop[0].busy_time < min_busy_t
ime:
119             min_busy_time = self.west_stop[0].busy_time
120             driver = self.west_stop[0]
121         return driver
122
123     def reset_busy_time(self, direction):
124         if direction == N:
125             for driver in self.north_stop:
126                 if driver.busy_time < 0:
127                     driver.busy_time = 0
128             elif direction == E:
129                 for driver in self.east_stop:
130                     if driver.busy_time < 0:
131                         driver.busy_time = 0
132             elif direction == S:
133                 for driver in self.south_stop:
134                     if driver.busy_time < 0:
135                         driver.busy_time = 0
136             elif direction == W:
137                 for driver in self.west_stop:
138                     if driver.busy_time < 0:
139                         driver.busy_time = 0
140
141
142
143     class Simulation:
144
145         def __init__(self, total_cars):
146             self.num_cars = 0

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147         self.total_cars = total_cars
148         self.clock = 0
149
150         self.intersection_free = True
151         self.driver_queue = DriverQueue()
152         self.generate_arrivals()
153         self.completed_cars = []
154
155     def run(self):
156         while len(self.completed_cars) < self.total_cars:
157             #print("The current time is ", self.clock)
158             self.execute_events()
159             self.driver_queue.elapse_driver_time()
160             self.clock += TIME_STEP
161
162     def execute_events(self):
163         for driver in self.driver_queue.intersection:
164             if driver.busy_time <= 0:
165                 self.execute_clear(driver)
166         for driver in self.driver_queue.north:
167             if driver.busy_time <= 0:
168                 self.execute_arrival(driver)
169         for driver in self.driver_queue.west:
170             if driver.busy_time <= 0:
171                 self.execute_arrival(driver)
172         for driver in self.driver_queue.south:
173             if driver.busy_time <= 0:
174                 self.execute_arrival(driver)
175         for driver in self.driver_queue.east:
176             if driver.busy_time <= 0:
177                 self.execute_arrival(driver)
178
179         driver = self.driver_queue.get_next_driver()
180         if driver != None:
181             self.execute_stop(driver)
182
183         if self.num_cars < self.total_cars:
184             self.generate_arrivals()
185
186     def execute_arrival(self, driver):
187         desire = driver.get_from_to()
188
189         if desire[0] == N:
190             driver.event = STOP
191             if driver.is_human:
192                 driver.busy_time = HUMAN_MIN_STOP_TIME
193             else:
194                 driver.busy_time = SDC_MIN_STOP_TIME
195             self.driver_queue.north.pop(0)
196             self.driver_queue.add_driver_stop(driver)
197         elif desire[0] == S:
198             driver.event = STOP
199             if driver.is_human:
200                 driver.busy_time = HUMAN_MIN_STOP_TIME
201             else:
202                 driver.busy_time = SDC_MIN_STOP_TIME
203             self.driver_queue.south.pop(0)
204             self.driver_queue.add_driver_stop(driver)
205         elif desire[0] == E:
206             driver.event = STOP
207             if driver.is_human:

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208         driver.busy_time = HUMAN_MIN_STOP_TIME
209     else:
210         driver.busy_time = SDC_MIN_STOP_TIME
211         self.driver_queue.east.pop(0)
212         self.driver_queue.add_driver_stop(driver)
213     elif desire[0] == W:
214         driver.event = STOP
215         if driver.is_human:
216             driver.busy_time = HUMAN_MIN_STOP_TIME
217         else:
218             driver.busy_time = SDC_MIN_STOP_TIME
219         self.driver_queue.west.pop(0)
220         self.driver_queue.add_driver_stop(driver)
221
222
223     def generate_arrivals(self):
224         time = self.clock
225
226         r = random.random()
227         car_id = self.num_cars
228         if r < NORTH_CAR_PROBABILITY and len(self.driver_queue.north) == 0: #From
229             m North
230             r = random.random()
231             if r < TURN_PROBABILITY:
232                 r = random.random()
233                 if r < LEFT_TURN_PROBABILITY:
234                     direction_to = E
235                 else:
236                     direction_to = W
237             else:
238                 direction_to = S
239             r = random.random()
240             if r < HUMAN_PROBABILITY:
241                 is_human = True
242             else:
243                 is_human = False
244             #print("Driver ", car_id, " from the North is going to the ", direction_to)
245             self.driver_queue.add_driver_arrivals(Driver(car_id, time, ARRIVAL_TIME, N, direction_to, is_human))
246             self.num_cars += 1
247
248         r = random.random()
249         car_id = self.num_cars
250         if r < EAST_CAR_PROBABILITY and len(self.driver_queue.east) == 0: #From
251             East
252             r = random.random()
253             if r < TURN_PROBABILITY:
254                 r = random.random()
255                 if r < LEFT_TURN_PROBABILITY:
256                     direction_to = S
257                 else:
258                     direction_to = N
259             else:
260                 direction_to = W
261             r = random.random()
262             if r < HUMAN_PROBABILITY:
263                 is_human = True
264             else:
265                 is_human = False

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264         #print("Driver ", car_id, " from the East is going to the ", directi
on_to)
265         self.driver_queue.add_driver_arrivals(Driver(car_id, time, ARRIVAL_T
IME, E, direction_to, is_human))
266         self.num_cars += 1
267
268         r = random.random()
269         car_id = self.num_cars
270         if r < SOUTH_CAR_PROBABILITY and len(self.driver_queue.south) == 0: #Fro
m South
271             r = random.random()
272             if r < TURN_PROBABILITY:
273                 r = random.random()
274                 if r < LEFT_TURN_PROBABILITY:
275                     direction_to = W
276                 else:
277                     direction_to = E
278             else:
279                 direction_to = N
280             r = random.random()
281             if r < HUMAN_PROBABILITY:
282                 is_human = True
283             else:
284                 is_human = False
285             #print("Driver ", car_id, " from the South is going to the ", direct
ion_to)
286             self.driver_queue.add_driver_arrivals(Driver(car_id, time, ARRIVAL_T
IME, S, direction_to, is_human))
287             self.num_cars += 1
288
289             r = random.random()
290             car_id = self.num_cars
291             if r < WEST_CAR_PROBABILITY and len(self.driver_queue.west) == 0: #From
West
292                 r = random.random()
293                 if r < TURN_PROBABILITY:
294                     r = random.random()
295                     if r < LEFT_TURN_PROBABILITY:
296                         direction_to = N
297                     else:
298                         direction_to = S
299                 else:
300                     direction_to = E
301             r = random.random()
302             if r < HUMAN_PROBABILITY:
303                 is_human = True
304             else:
305                 is_human = False
306             #print("Driver ", car_id, "from the West is going to the ", directio
n_to)
307             self.driver_queue.add_driver_arrivals(Driver(car_id, time, ARRIVAL_T
IME, W, direction_to, is_human))
308             self.num_cars += 1
309
310         def execute_clear(self, driver):
311             driver.elapsed_time = self.clock - driver.start_time
312             self.completed_cars.append(driver)
313             self.driver_queue.intersection.pop(0)
314             #print("Driver ", driver.name, " just left the intersection after ", dri
ver.elapsed_time, "seconds")
315             if len(self.driver_queue.intersection) == 0:

```



```

316         self.intersection_free = True
317
318     def execute_stop(self, driver):
319         desire = driver.get_from_to()
320         if not self.intersection_free:
321             return
322
323
324         if desire[0] == N and self.intersection_free:
325             if desire[1] == S:
326                 driver.event = CLEAR
327                 if driver.is_human:
328                     driver.busy_time = HUMAN_CLEAR_TIME
329                 else:
330                     driver.busy_time = SDC_CLEAR_TIME
331                 self.driver_queue.north_stop.pop(0)
332                 self.driver_queue.reset_busy_time(N)
333                 self.driver_queue.add_driver_intersection(driver)
334                 self.intersection_free = False
335             else:
336                 driver.event = CLEAR
337                 if driver.is_human:
338                     driver.busy_time = HUMAN_TURNING_TIME
339                 else:
340                     driver.busy_time = SDC_TURNING_TIME
341                 self.driver_queue.north_stop.pop(0)
342                 self.driver_queue.reset_busy_time(N)
343                 self.driver_queue.add_driver_intersection(driver)
344                 self.intersection_free = False
345         elif desire[0] == S and self.intersection_free:
346             if desire[1] == N:
347                 driver.event = CLEAR
348                 if driver.is_human:
349                     driver.busy_time = HUMAN_CLEAR_TIME
350                 else:
351                     driver.busy_time = SDC_CLEAR_TIME
352                 self.driver_queue.south_stop.pop(0)
353                 self.driver_queue.reset_busy_time(S)
354                 self.driver_queue.add_driver_intersection(driver)
355                 self.intersection_free = False
356             else:
357                 driver.event = CLEAR
358                 if driver.is_human:
359                     driver.busy_time = HUMAN_TURNING_TIME
360                 else:
361                     driver.busy_time = SDC_TURNING_TIME
362                 self.driver_queue.south_stop.pop(0)
363                 self.driver_queue.reset_busy_time(S)
364                 self.driver_queue.add_driver_intersection(driver)
365                 self.intersection_free = False
366         elif desire[0] == E and self.intersection_free:
367             if desire[1] == W:
368                 driver.event = CLEAR
369                 if driver.is_human:
370                     driver.busy_time = HUMAN_CLEAR_TIME
371                 else:
372                     driver.busy_time = SDC_CLEAR_TIME
373                 self.driver_queue.east_stop.pop(0)
374                 self.driver_queue.reset_busy_time(E)
375                 self.driver_queue.add_driver_intersection(driver)
376                 self.intersection_free = False

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377         else:
378             driver.event = CLEAR
379             if driver.is_human:
380                 driver.busy_time = HUMAN_TURNING_TIME
381             else:
382                 driver.busy_time = SDC_TURNING_TIME
383                 self.driver_queue.east_stop.pop(0)
384                 self.driver_queue.reset_busy_time(E)
385                 self.driver_queue.add_driver_intersection(driver)
386                 self.intersection_free = False
387         elif desire[0] == W and self.intersection_free:
388             if desire[1] == E:
389                 driver.event = CLEAR
390                 if driver.is_human:
391                     driver.busy_time = HUMAN_CLEAR_TIME
392                 else:
393                     driver.busy_time = SDC_CLEAR_TIME
394                     self.driver_queue.west_stop.pop(0)
395                     self.driver_queue.reset_busy_time(W)
396                     self.driver_queue.add_driver_intersection(driver)
397                     self.intersection_free = False
398             else:
399                 driver.event = CLEAR
400                 if driver.is_human:
401                     driver.busy_time = HUMAN_TURNING_TIME
402                 else:
403                     driver.busy_time = SDC_TURNING_TIME
404                     self.driver_queue.west_stop.pop(0)
405                     self.driver_queue.reset_busy_time(W)
406                     self.driver_queue.add_driver_intersection(driver)
407                     self.intersection_free = False
408
409     def output_times(self):
410         times = []
411         for car in self.completed_cars:
412             times.append(car.elapsed_time)
413         print(times)
414         return sum(times)/len(times)
415
416
417     def output_to_CSV(self):
418         f = open("output.csv", 'w')
419         f.write("Name,Type,Start Time,Elapsed Time,Start Direction,End Direction\n")
420         for car in self.completed_cars:
421             f.write(str(car.name) + "," + str(car.is_human) + "," + str(car.start_time) + "," + str(car.elapsed_time) + "," + str(car.direction_from) + "," + str(car.direction_to) + "\n")
422         f.close()
423
424
425
426     def main():
427         sim = Simulation(1000)
428         sim.run()
429         sim.output_times()
430         print(sim.output_times())
431         sim.output_to_CSV()
432
433     main()

```

Client Request 3: Measure estimated emissions for human-driven and human-driven

```
1  import random
2  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4  class Vehicle:
5      def __init__(self, sdv_probability):
6          r = random.random()
7          if r < sdv_probability:
8              self.is_self_driving = True
9          if r > sdv_probability:
10             self.is_self_driving = False
11
12             if self.is_self_driving:
13                 self.speed = random.randint(50,80)
14             else:
15                 self.speed = random.randint(10,100)
16
17         def get_emissions(self):
18             emission = round(0.0019 * self.speed**2 - 0.2506* self.speed + 13.74, 3)
19
20             return emission
21
22         #car1 = Vehicle(0.2)
23         #print(car1.get_emissions())
24
25     def average_calculate(k):
26         cars = []
27         emissions = []
28
29         for i in range(10000):
30             cars.append(Vehicle(k))
31         for j in cars:
32             emissions.append(j.get_emissions())
33         average = (sum(emissions)/len(emissions))
34         return average
35
36     average = []
37     for i in range(1,11):
38         average.append(average_calculate(i/10))
39
40     plt.plot([0.1,0.2,0.3,0.4,0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8,0.9,1],average, label = "Freq:5")
41     plt.ylabel('emission[L/100Km]')
42     plt.xlabel('sdv probability[%]')
43     plt.show()
```

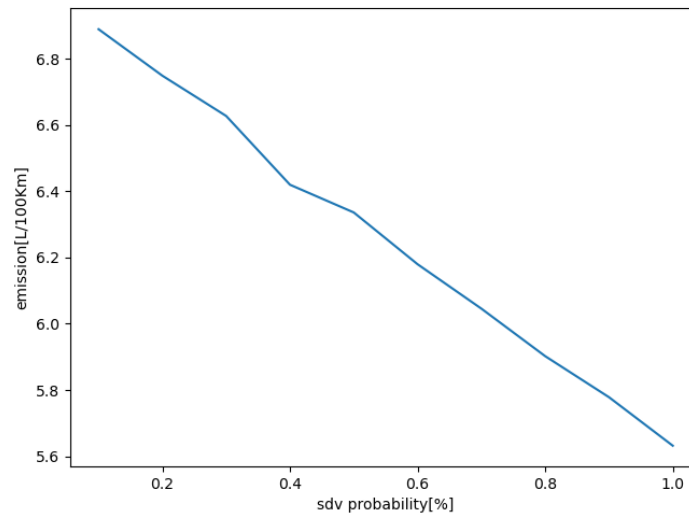


Figure 1 emission vs self-driving probability

Our simulation code:

Curve Class:

```

1  def curve_points(start, end, control, resolution=5):
2      # If curve is a straight line
3      if (start[0] - end[0])*(start[1] - end[1]) == 0:
4          return [start, end]
5
6      # If not return a curve
7      path = []
8
9      for i in range(resolution+1):
10         t = i/resolution
11         x = (1-t)**2 * start[0] + 2*(1-t)*t * control[0] + t**2 * end[0]
12         y = (1-t)**2 * start[1] + 2*(1-t)*t * control[1] + t**2 * end[1]
13         path.append((x, y))
14
15     return path
16
17 def curve_road(start, end, control, resolution=15):
18     points = curve_points(start, end, control, resolution=resolution)
19     return [(points[i-1], points[i]) for i in range(1, len(points))]
20
21 TURN_LEFT = 0
22 TURN_RIGHT = 1
23 def turn_road(start, end, turn_direction, resolution=15):
24     # Get control point
25     x = min(start[0], end[0])
26     y = min(start[1], end[1])
27
28     if turn_direction == TURN_LEFT:
29         control = (
30             x - y + start[1],
31             y - x + end[0]

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32         )
33     else:
34         control = (
35             x - y + end[1],
36             y - x + start[0]
37         )
38
39     return curve_road(start, end, control, resolution=resolution)

```

Road Class:

```

1  from scipy.spatial import distance
2  from collections import deque
3
4  class Road:
5      def __init__(self, start, end):
6          self.start = start
7          self.end = end
8
9          self.vehicles = deque()
10
11         self.init_properties()
12
13         def init_properties(self):
14             self.length = distance.euclidean(self.start, self.end)
15             self.angle_sin = (self.end[1]-self.start[1]) / self.length
16             self.angle_cos = (self.end[0]-self.start[0]) / self.length
17             # self.angle = np.arctan2(self.end[1]-self.start[1], self.end[0]-
self.start[0])
18             self.has_traffic_signal = False
19
20         def set_traffic_signal(self, signal, group):
21             self.traffic_signal = signal
22             self.traffic_signal_group = group
23             self.has_traffic_signal = True
24
25         @property
26         def traffic_signal_state(self):
27             if self.has_traffic_signal:
28                 i = self.traffic_signal_group
29                 return self.traffic_signal.current_cycle[i]
30             return True
31
32         def update(self, dt):
33             n = len(self.vehicles)
34
35             if n > 0:
36                 # Update first vehicle
37                 self.vehicles[0].update(None, dt)
38                 # Update other vehicles
39                 for i in range(1, n):
40                     lead = self.vehicles[i-1]
41                     self.vehicles[i].update(lead, dt)
42
43                 # Check for traffic signal
44                 if self.traffic_signal_state:
45                     # If traffic signal is green or doesn't exist
46                     # Then let vehicles pass
47                     self.vehicles[0].unstop()

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48         for vehicle in self.vehicles:
49             vehicle.unslow()
50         else:
51             # If traffic signal is red
52             if self.vehicles[0].x >= self.length - self.traffic_signal.slow_
distance:
53                 # Slow vehicles in slowing zone
54                 self.vehicles[0].slow(self.traffic_signal.slow_factor*self.v
ehicles[0]._v_max)
55             if self.vehicles[0].x >= self.length - self.traffic_signal.stop_
distance and\
56                 self.vehicles[0].x <= self.length - self.traffic_signal.stop_
distance / 2:
57                 # Stop vehicles in the stop zone
58                 self.vehicles[0].stop()

```

Simulation Class:

```

1  from .road import Road
2  from copy import deepcopy
3  from .vehicle_generator import VehicleGenerator
4  from .traffic_signal import TrafficSignal
5
6  class Simulation:
7      def __init__(self, config={}):
8          # Set default configuration
9          self.set_default_config()
10
11          # Update configuration
12          for attr, val in config.items():
13              setattr(self, attr, val)
14
15      def set_default_config(self):
16          self.t = 0.0          # Time keeping
17          self.frame_count = 0  # Frame count keeping
18          self.dt = 1/60        # Simulation time step
19          self.roads = []       # Array to store roads
20          self.generators = []
21          self.traffic_signals = []
22
23      def create_road(self, start, end):
24          road = Road(start, end)
25          self.roads.append(road)
26          return road
27
28      def create_roads(self, road_list):
29          for road in road_list:
30              self.create_road(*road)
31
32      def create_gen(self, config={}):
33          gen = VehicleGenerator(self, config)
34          self.generators.append(gen)
35          return gen

```

```

36
37     def create_signal(self, roads, config={}):
38         roads = [[self.roads[i] for i in road_group] for road_group in roads]
39         sig = TrafficSignal(roads, config)
40         self.traffic_signals.append(sig)
41         return sig
42
43     def update(self):
44         # Update every road
45         for road in self.roads:
46             road.update(self.dt)
47
48         # Add vehicles
49         for gen in self.generators:
50             gen.update()
51
52         for signal in self.traffic_signals:
53             signal.update(self)
54
55         # Check roads for out of bounds vehicle
56         for road in self.roads:
57             # If road has no vehicles, continue
58             if len(road.vehicles) == 0: continue
59             # If not
60             vehicle = road.vehicles[0]
61             # If first vehicle is out of road bounds
62             if vehicle.x >= road.length:
63                 # If vehicle has a next road
64                 if vehicle.current_road_index + 1 < len(vehicle.path):
65                     # Update current road to next road
66                     vehicle.current_road_index += 1
67                     # Create a copy and reset some vehicle properties
68                     new_vehicle = deepcopy(vehicle)
69                     new_vehicle.x = 0
70                     # Add it to the next road
71                     next_road_index = vehicle.path[vehicle.current_road_index]
72                     self.roads[next_road_index].vehicles.append(new_vehicle)
73                     # In all cases, remove it from its road
74                     road.vehicles.popleft()
75             # Increment time
76             self.t += self.dt
77             self.frame_count += 1
78
79
80     def run(self, steps):
81         for _ in range(steps):
82             self.update()

```

Traffic Signal:

```

1     class TrafficSignal:
2         def __init__(self, roads, config={}):
3             # Initialize roads
4             self.roads = roads
5             # Set default configuration
6             self.set_default_config()
7             # Update configuration
8             for attr, val in config.items():

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```

9         setattr(self, attr, val)
10        # Calculate properties
11        self.init_properties()
12
13        def set_default_config(self):
14            self.cycle = [(False, True), (True, False)]
15            self.slow_distance = 50
16            self.slow_factor = 0.4
17            self.stop_distance = 15
18
19            self.current_cycle_index = 0
20
21            self.last_t = 0
22
23        def init_properties(self):
24            for i in range(len(self.roads)):
25                for road in self.roads[i]:
26                    road.set_traffic_signal(self, i)
27
28        @property
29        def current_cycle(self):
30            return self.cycle[self.current_cycle_index]
31
32        def update(self, sim):
33            cycle_length = 30
34            k = (sim.t // cycle_length) % 2
35            self.current_cycle_index = int(k)

```

Vehicle Generator class:

```

1    from .vehicle import Vehicle
2    from numpy.random import randint
3
4    class VehicleGenerator:
5        def __init__(self, sim, config={}):
6            self.sim = sim
7
8            # Set default configurations
9            self.set_default_config()
10
11            # Update configurations
12            for attr, val in config.items():
13                setattr(self, attr, val)
14
15            # Calculate properties
16            self.init_properties()
17
18        def set_default_config(self):
19            """Set default configuration"""
20            self.vehicle_rate = 20
21            self.vehicles = [
22                (1, {})
23            ]
24            self.last_added_time = 0
25

```



```

26     def init_properties(self):
27         self.upcoming_vehicle = self.generate_vehicle()
28
29     def generate_vehicle(self):
30         """Returns a random vehicle from self.vehicles with random proportions"""
31         total = sum(pair[0] for pair in self.vehicles)
32         r = randint(1, total+1)
33         for (weight, config) in self.vehicles:
34             r -= weight
35             if r <= 0:
36                 return Vehicle(config)
37
38     def update(self):
39         """Add vehicles"""
40         if self.sim.t - self.last_added_time >= 60 / self.vehicle_rate:
41             # If time elapsed after last added vehicle is
42             # greater than vehicle_period; generate a vehicle
43             road = self.sim.roads[self.upcoming_vehicle.path[0]]
44             if len(road.vehicles) == 0\
45             or road.vehicles[-
46 1].x > self.upcoming_vehicle.s0 + self.upcoming_vehicle.l:
47                 # If there is space for the generated vehicle; add it
48                 self.upcoming_vehicle.time_added = self.sim.t
49                 road.vehicles.append(self.upcoming_vehicle)
50                 # Reset last_added_time and upcoming_vehicle
51                 self.last_added_time = self.sim.t
52                 self.upcoming_vehicle = self.generate_vehicle()

```

Vehicle Class:

```

1     import numpy as np
2
3     class Vehicle:
4         def __init__(self, config={}):
5             # Set default configuration
6             self.set_default_config()
7
8             # Update configuration
9             for attr, val in config.items():
10                 setattr(self, attr, val)
11
12             # Calculate properties
13             self.init_properties()
14
15         def set_default_config(self):
16             self.l = 4
17             self.s0 = 4
18             self.T = 1
19             self.v_max = 16.6
20             self.a_max = 1.44
21             self.b_max = 4.61
22
23             self.path = []
24             self.current_road_index = 0

```

```

25
26     self.x = 0
27     self.v = self.v_max
28     self.a = 0
29     self.stopped = False
30
31     def init_properties(self):
32         self.sqrt_ab = 2*np.sqrt(self.a_max*self.b_max)
33         self._v_max = self.v_max
34
35     def update(self, lead, dt):
36         # Update position and velocity
37         if self.v + self.a*dt < 0:
38             self.x -= 1/2*self.v*self.v/self.a
39             self.v = 0
40         else:
41             self.v += self.a*dt
42             self.x += self.v*dt + self.a*dt*dt/2
43
44         # Update acceleration
45         alpha = 0
46         if lead:
47             delta_x = lead.x - self.x - lead.l
48             delta_v = self.v - lead.v
49
50             alpha = (self.s0 + max(0, self.T*self.v + delta_v*self.v/self.sqrt_a
51 b)) / delta_x
52
53             self.a = self.a_max * (1-(self.v/self.v_max)**4 - alpha**2)
54
55         if self.stopped:
56             self.a = -self.b_max*self.v/self.v_max
57
58     def stop(self):
59         self.stopped = True
60
61     def unstop(self):
62         self.stopped = False
63
64     def slow(self, v):
65         self.v_max = v
66
67     def unslow(self):
68         self.v_max = self._v_max

```

Window Class:

```

1     import pygame
2     from pygame import gfxdraw
3     import numpy as np
4
5     class Window:
6         def __init__(self, sim, config={}):
7             # Simulation to draw

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8         self.sim = sim
9
10        # Set default configurations
11        self.set_default_config()
12
13        # Update configurations
14        for attr, val in config.items():
15            setattr(self, attr, val)
16
17    def set_default_config(self):
18        """Set default configuration"""
19        self.width = 1400
20        self.height = 900
21        self.bg_color = (250, 250, 250)
22
23        self.fps = 60
24        self.zoom = 5
25        self.offset = (0, 0)
26
27        self.mouse_last = (0, 0)
28        self.mouse_down = False
29
30
31    def loop(self, loop=None):
32        """Shows a window visualizing the simulation and runs the loop function.
33        """
34
35        # Create a pygame window
36        self.screen = pygame.display.set_mode((self.width, self.height))
37        pygame.display.flip()
38
39        # Fixed fps
40        clock = pygame.time.Clock()
41
42        # To draw text
43        pygame.font.init()
44        self.text_font = pygame.font.SysFont('Lucida Console', 16)
45
46        # Draw loop
47        running = True
48        while running:
49            # Update simulation
50            if loop: loop(self.sim)
51
52            # Draw simulation
53            self.draw()
54
55            # Update window
56            pygame.display.update()
57            clock.tick(self.fps)
58
59            # Handle all events
60            for event in pygame.event.get():
61                # Quit program if window is closed
62                if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
63                    running = False
64                # Handle mouse events
65                elif event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN:
66                    # If mouse button down
67                    if event.button == 1:
68                        # Left click

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68         x, y = pygame.mouse.get_pos()
69         x0, y0 = self.offset
70         self.mouse_last = (x-x0*self.zoom, y-y0*self.zoom)
71         self.mouse_down = True
72         if event.button == 4:
73             # Mouse wheel up
74             self.zoom *= (self.zoom**2+self.zoom/4+1) / (self.zoom*
75 *2+1)
76             if event.button == 5:
77                 # Mouse wheel down
78                 self.zoom *= (self.zoom**2+1) / (self.zoom**2+self.zoom/
79 4+1)
80             elif event.type == pygame.MOUSEMOTION:
81                 # Drag content
82                 if self.mouse_down:
83                     x1, y1 = self.mouse_last
84                     x2, y2 = pygame.mouse.get_pos()
85                     self.offset = ((x2-x1)/self.zoom, (y2-y1)/self.zoom)
86             elif event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN:
87                 self.mouse_down = False
88
89     def run(self, steps_per_update=1):
90         """Runs the simulation by updating in every loop."""
91         def loop(sim):
92             sim.run(steps_per_update)
93             self.loop(loop)
94
95     def convert(self, x, y=None):
96         """Converts simulation coordinates to screen coordinates"""
97         if isinstance(x, list):
98             return [self.convert(e[0], e[1]) for e in x]
99         if isinstance(x, tuple):
100             return self.convert(*x)
101         return (
102             int(self.width/2 + (x + self.offset[0])*self.zoom),
103             int(self.height/2 + (y + self.offset[1])*self.zoom)
104         )
105
106     def inverse_convert(self, x, y=None):
107         """Converts screen coordinates to simulation coordinates"""
108         if isinstance(x, list):
109             return [self.inverse_convert(e[0], e[1]) for e in x]
110         if isinstance(x, tuple):
111             return self.inverse_convert(*x)
112         return (
113             int(-self.offset[0] + (x - self.width/2)/self.zoom),
114             int(-self.offset[1] + (y - self.height/2)/self.zoom)
115         )
116
117     def background(self, r, g, b):
118         """Fills screen with one color."""
119         self.screen.fill((r, g, b))
120
121     def line(self, start_pos, end_pos, color):
122         """Draws a line."""
123         gfxdraw.line(
124             self.screen,
125             *start_pos,
126             *end_pos,
127             color

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127         )
128
129     def rect(self, pos, size, color):
130         """Draws a rectangle."""
131         gfxdraw.rectangle(self.screen, (*pos, *size), color)
132
133     def box(self, pos, size, color):
134         """Draws a rectangle."""
135         gfxdraw.box(self.screen, (*pos, *size), color)
136
137     def circle(self, pos, radius, color, filled=True):
138         gfxdraw.aacircle(self.screen, *pos, radius, color)
139         if filled:
140             gfxdraw.filled_circle(self.screen, *pos, radius, color)
141
142
143
144     def polygon(self, vertices, color, filled=True):
145         gfxdraw.aapolygon(self.screen, vertices, color)
146         if filled:
147             gfxdraw.filled_polygon(self.screen, vertices, color)
148
149     def rotated_box(self, pos, size, angle=None, cos=None, sin=None, centered=True,
150                    color=(0, 0, 255), filled=True):
151         """Draws a rectangle center at *pos* with size *size* rotated anti-
152         clockwise by *angle*."""
153         x, y = pos
154         l, h = size
155
156         if angle:
157             cos, sin = np.cos(angle), np.sin(angle)
158
159         vertex = lambda e1, e2: (
160             x + (e1*l*cos + e2*h*sin)/2,
161             y + (e1*l*sin - e2*h*cos)/2
162         )
163
164         if centered:
165             vertices = self.convert(
166                 [vertex(*e) for e in [(-1,-1), (-1, 1), (1,1), (1,-1)]]
167             )
168         else:
169             vertices = self.convert(
170                 [vertex(*e) for e in [(0,-1), (0, 1), (2,1), (2,-1)]]
171             )
172
173         self.polygon(vertices, color, filled=filled)
174
175     def rotated_rect(self, pos, size, angle=None, cos=None, sin=None, centered=True,
176                    color=(0, 0, 255)):
177         self.rotated_box(pos, size, angle=angle, cos=cos, sin=sin, centered=cent
178                         ered, color=color, filled=False)
179
180     def arrow(self, pos, size, angle=None, cos=None, sin=None, color=(150, 150,
181                    190)):
182         if angle:
183             cos, sin = np.cos(angle), np.sin(angle)
184
185         self.rotated_box(
186             pos,
187             size,

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183         cos=(cos - sin) / np.sqrt(2),
184         sin=(cos + sin) / np.sqrt(2),
185         color=color,
186         centered=False
187     )
188
189     self.rotated_box(
190         pos,
191         size,
192         cos=(cos + sin) / np.sqrt(2),
193         sin=(sin - cos) / np.sqrt(2),
194         color=color,
195         centered=False
196     )
197
198
199     def draw_axes(self, color=(100, 100, 100)):
200         x_start, y_start = self.inverse_convert(0, 0)
201         x_end, y_end = self.inverse_convert(self.width, self.height)
202         self.line(
203             self.convert((0, y_start)),
204             self.convert((0, y_end)),
205             color
206         )
207         self.line(
208             self.convert((x_start, 0)),
209             self.convert((x_end, 0)),
210             color
211         )
212
213     def draw_grid(self, unit=50, color=(150,150,150)):
214         x_start, y_start = self.inverse_convert(0, 0)
215         x_end, y_end = self.inverse_convert(self.width, self.height)
216
217         n_x = int(x_start / unit)
218         n_y = int(y_start / unit)
219         m_x = int(x_end / unit)+1
220         m_y = int(y_end / unit)+1
221
222         for i in range(n_x, m_x):
223             self.line(
224                 self.convert((unit*i, y_start)),
225                 self.convert((unit*i, y_end)),
226                 color
227             )
228         for i in range(n_y, m_y):
229             self.line(
230                 self.convert((x_start, unit*i)),
231                 self.convert((x_end, unit*i)),
232                 color
233             )
234
235     def draw_roads(self):
236         for road in self.sim.roads:
237             # Draw road background
238             self.rotated_box(
239                 road.start,
240                 (road.length, 3.7),
241                 cos=road.angle_cos,
242                 sin=road.angle_sin,
243                 color=(180, 180, 220),

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244         centered=False
245     )
246     # Draw road lines
247     # self.rotated_box(
248     #     road.start,
249     #     (road.length, 0.25),
250     #     cos=road.angle_cos,
251     #     sin=road.angle_sin,
252     #     color=(0, 0, 0),
253     #     centered=False
254     # )
255
256     # Draw road arrow
257     if road.length > 5:
258         for i in np.arange(-0.5*road.length, 0.5*road.length, 10):
259             pos = (
260                 road.start[0] + (road.length/2 + i + 3) * road.angle_cos
261                 ,
262                 road.start[1] + (road.length/2 + i + 3) * road.angle_sin
263             )
264             self.arrow(
265                 pos,
266                 (-1.25, 0.2),
267                 cos=road.angle_cos,
268                 sin=road.angle_sin
269             )
270
271
272
273     # TODO: Draw road arrow
274
275     def draw_vehicle(self, vehicle, road):
276         l, h = vehicle.l, 2
277         sin, cos = road.angle_sin, road.angle_cos
278
279         x = road.start[0] + cos * vehicle.x
280         y = road.start[1] + sin * vehicle.x
281
282         self.rotated_box((x, y), (l, h), cos=cos, sin=sin, centered=True)
283
284     def draw_vehicles(self):
285         for road in self.sim.roads:
286             # Draw vehicles
287             for vehicle in road.vehicles:
288                 self.draw_vehicle(vehicle, road)
289
290     def draw_signals(self):
291         for signal in self.sim.traffic_signals:
292             for i in range(len(signal.roads)):
293                 color = (0, 255, 0) if signal.current_cycle[i] else (255, 0, 0)
294
295                 for road in signal.roads[i]:
296                     a = 0
297                     position = (
298                         (1-a)*road.end[0] + a*road.start[0],
299                         (1-a)*road.end[1] + a*road.start[1]
300                     )
301                     self.rotated_box(
302                         position,

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302                 (1, 3),
303                 cos=road.angle_cos, sin=road.angle_sin,
304                 color=color)
305
306     def draw_status(self):
307         text_fps = self.text_font.render(f't={self.sim.t:.5}', False, (0, 0, 0))
308
309         text_frc = self.text_font.render(f'n={self.sim.frame_count}', False, (0,
310 0, 0))
311
312         self.screen.blit(text_fps, (0, 0))
313         self.screen.blit(text_frc, (100, 0))
314
315     def draw(self):
316         # Fill background
317         self.background(*self.bg_color)
318
319         # Major and minor grid and axes
320         # self.draw_grid(10, (220,220,220))
321         # self.draw_grid(100, (200,200,200))
322         # self.draw_axes()
323
324         self.draw_roads()
325         self.draw_vehicles()
326         self.draw_signals()
327
328         # Draw status info
329         self.draw_status()

```

Project code:

```

1     import numpy as np
2     from trafficSimulator import *
3
4     # Create simulation
5     sim = Simulation()
6
7     # Add multiple roads
8     sim.create_roads([
9         #Positive Y Part
10        #Left North to South
11        ((-5, -100), (-5, -10)),      #0
12        #Middle North to South
13        ((0, -100), (0, -5)),          #1
14        #Right South to North
15        ((5, -10), (5, -100)),        #2
16
17        #Negative Y Part
18        #Left North to South
19        ((-5, 10), (-5, 100)),         #3
20        #Middle South to North
21        ((0, 100), (0, 5)),            #4
22        #Right South to North

```



```

23         ((5, 100), (5, 10)),          #5
24
25     #Positive X part
26     #Top East to West
27     ((100, -5), (10, -5)),          #6
28     #Middle East to West
29     ((100, 0), (5, 0)),            #7
30     #Down West to East
31     ((10, 5), (100, 5)),          #8
32
33     #Negative X part
34     #Top East to West
35     ((-10, -5), (-100, -5)),      #9
36     #Middle West to East
37     ((-100, 0), (-5, 0)),        #10
38     #Down West to East
39     ((-100, 5), (-10, 5)),      #11
40
41
42     #Intersection
43     #Straight
44     #Negative Y to Positive Y
45     ((5, 10), (5, -10)),          #12
46     #Postive Y to Negative Y
47     ((-5, -10), (-5, 10)),      #13
48     #Negative X to Positive X
49     ((-10, 5), (10, 5)),          #14
50     #Positive X to Negative X
51     ((10, -5), (-10, -5)),      #15
52
53     #Turns
54     #Negative Y to Positive X Right turn
55     *turn_road((5, 10), (10, 5), TURN_RIGHT, 20),      #16
56     #Negative Y to Negative X Left turn
57     *turn_road((0, 5), (-10, -5), TURN_LEFT, 20),      #16 + n
58
59     #Positive X to Postive Y Right turn
60     *turn_road((10, -5), (5, -10), TURN_RIGHT, 20),      #16 + 2n
61     #Positive X to Negative Y Left turn
62     *turn_road((5, 0), (-5, 10), TURN_LEFT, 20),      #16 + 3n
63
64     #Postive Y to Negative X Right turn
65     *turn_road((-5, -10), (-10, -5), TURN_RIGHT, 20),      #16 + 4n
66     #Positive Y to Postivie X Left turn
67     *turn_road((0, -5), (10, 5), TURN_LEFT, 20),      #16 + 5n
68
69     #Negative X to Negative Y Right turn
70     *turn_road((-10, 5), (-5, 10), TURN_RIGHT, 20),      #16 + 6n
71     #Negative X to Postivie Y Left turn
72     *turn_road((-5, 0), (5, -10), TURN_LEFT, 20),      #16 + 7n
73
74     ])
75
76     def road(a): return range(a, a+20)
77
78     sim.create_gen({
79         'vehicle_rate': 40,
80         'vehicles': [
81             [3, {'path': [5, 12, 2]}],
82             [1, {'path': [5, *road(16), 8]}],
83             [1, {'path': [4, *road(16 + 20), 9]}],

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84
85     [3, {'path': [6, 15, 9]}],
86     [1, {'path': [6, *road(16 + 2*20), 2]}],
87     [1, {'path': [7, *road(16 + 3*20), 3]}],
88
89     [3, {'path': [0, 13, 3]}],
90     [1, {'path': [0, *road(16 + 4*20), 9]}],
91     [1, {'path': [1, *road(16 + 5*20), 8]}],
92
93     [3, {'path': [11, 14, 8]}],
94     [1, {'path': [11, *road(16 + 6*20), 3]}],
95     [1, {'path': [10, *road(16 + 7*20), 2]}],
96
97
98
99     ]))
100
101     # Traffic signal
102     sim.create_signal([[0, 5, 1, 4,], [6, 11, 7, 10,]])
103
104
105     # Start simulation
106     win = Window(sim)
107     win.run(steps_per_update=5)

```

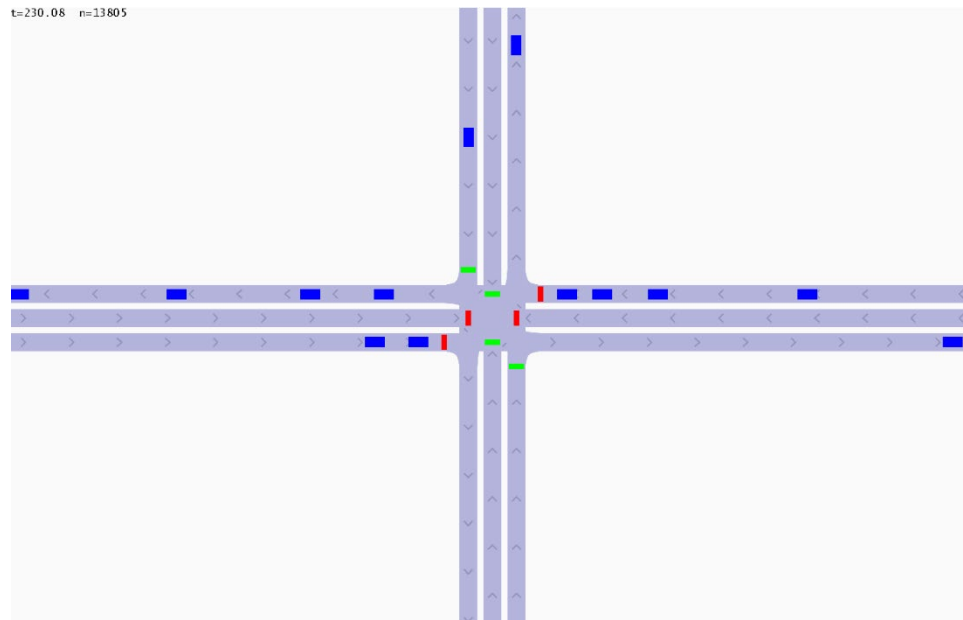


Figure 2 Simulation Output

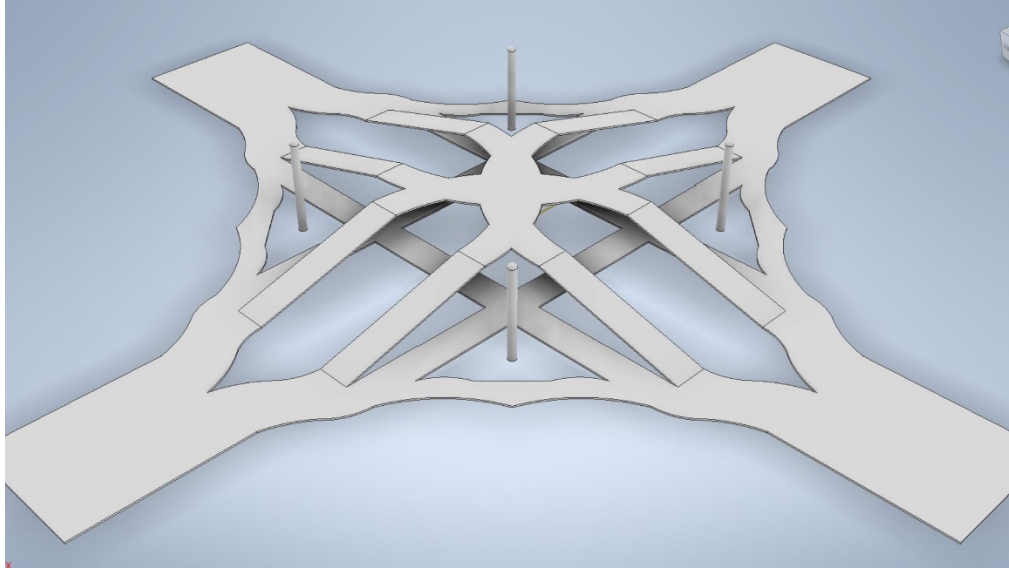


Figure 3 Intersection Modelling

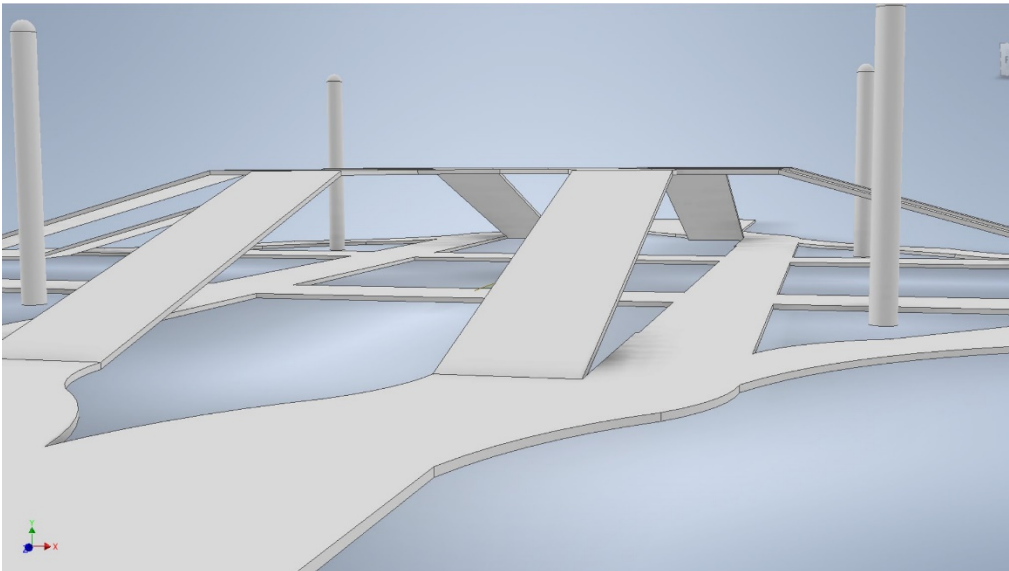
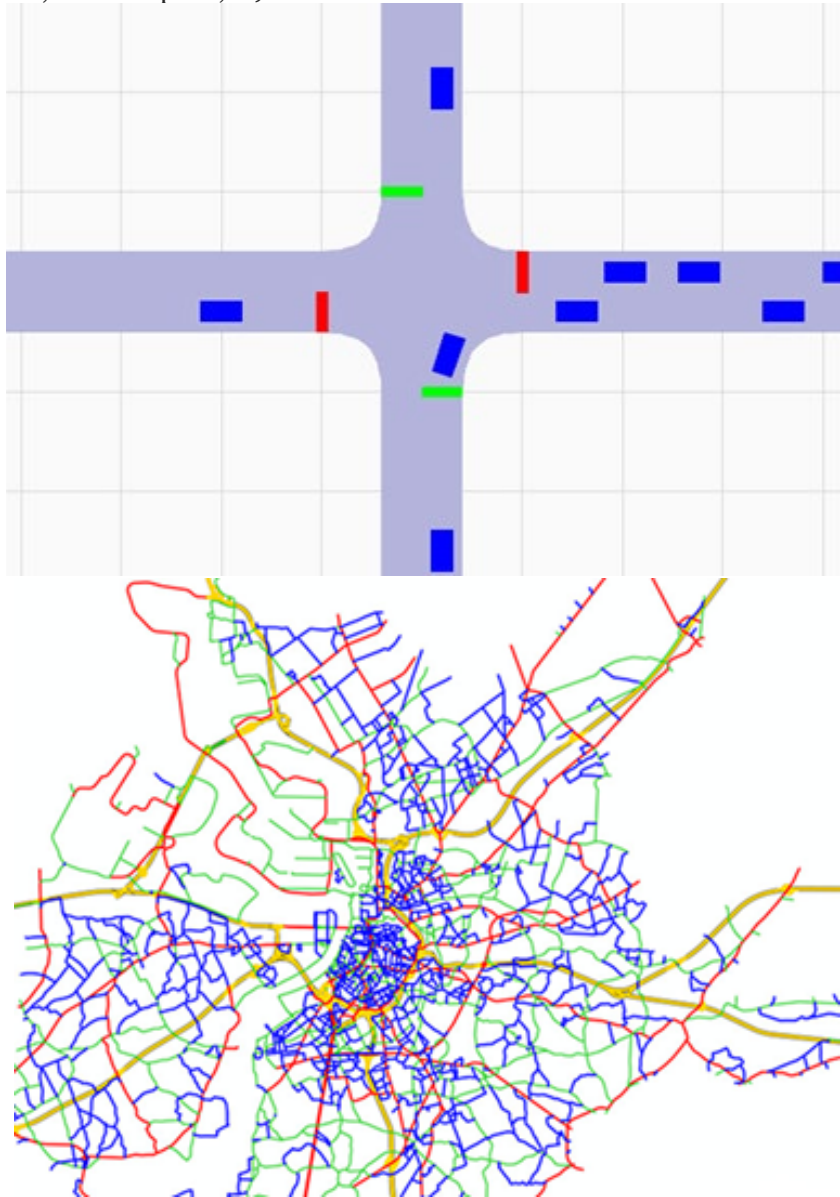


Figure 4 Intersection Modelling 2

The math related to the simulations:

Modeling

To analyze and optimize traffic systems, we first have to model a traffic system mathematically. Such a model should realistically represent traffic flow based on input parameters (road network geometry, vehicles per minute, vehicle speed, ...).



Traffic system models are generally classified into three categories, depending on what level they are operating on:

- **Microscopic models:** represent every vehicle separately and attempt to replicate driver behavior.
- **Macroscopic models:** describe the movement of vehicles as a whole in terms of traffic density (vehicle per km) and traffic flow (vehicles per minute). They are usually analogous to fluid flow.
- **Mesoscopic models:** are hybrid models that combine the features of both microscopic and macroscopic models; They model flow as “packets” of vehicles.

In this article, I will use a microscopic model.

Microscopic Models

A microscopic driver model describes the behavior of a single driver/vehicle. As a consequence, it must be a multi-agent system, that is, every vehicle operates on its own using input from its environment.

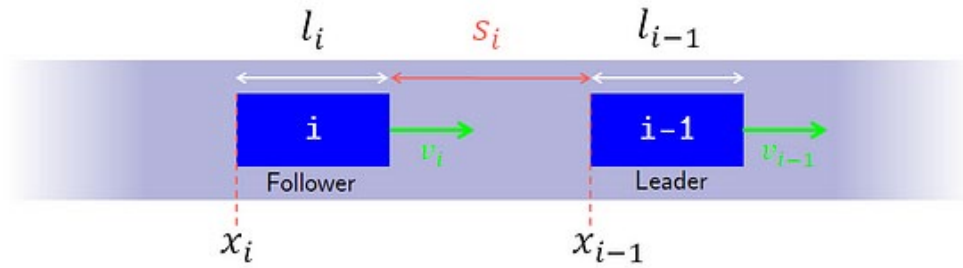


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In microscopic models, every vehicle is numbered a number i . The i -th vehicle follows the $(i-1)$ -th vehicle. For the i -th vehicle, we will denote by x_i its position along the road, v_i its speed, and l_i its length. And this is true for every vehicle.

$$s_i = x_i - x_{i-1} - l_i$$

$$\Delta v_i = v_i - v_{i-1}$$

We will denote by s_i the bumper-to-bumper distance and Δv_i the velocity difference between the i -th vehicle and the vehicle in front of it (vehicle number $i-1$).

Intelligent Driver Model (IDM)

In 2000, Treiber, Hennecke et Helbing developed a model known as the [Intelligent Driver Model](#). It describes the acceleration of the i -th vehicle as a function of its variables and those of the vehicle in front of it. The dynamics equation is defined as:

$$\frac{dv_i}{dt} = a_i \left(1 - \left(\frac{v_i}{v_{0,i}} \right)^\delta - \left(\frac{s^*(v_i, \Delta v_i)}{s_i} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$s^*(v_i, \Delta v_i) = s_{0,i} + v_i T_i + \frac{v_i \Delta v_i}{\sqrt{2a_i b_i}}$$

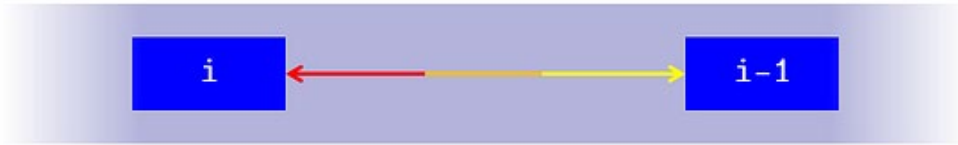
Before I explain the intuition behind this model, I should explain what some symbols represent.

We have talked about s_i , v_i , and Δv_i . The other parameters are:

- $s_{0,i}$: is the minimum desired distance between the vehicle i and $i-1$.
- $v_{0,i}$: is the maximum desired speed of the vehicle i .
- δ : is the acceleration exponent and it controls the “smoothness” of the acceleration.

- T_i : is the reaction time of the i -th vehicle's driver.
- a_i : is the maximum acceleration for the vehicle i .
- b_i : is the comfortable deceleration for the vehicle i .
- s^* : is the actual desired distance between the vehicle i and $i-1$.

First, we will look at s^* , which is a distance and it is comprised of three terms.



The diagram shows two blue rectangular boxes labeled 'i' and 'i-1' on a light purple background. A double-headed arrow connects the two boxes, with the left half being red and the right half being yellow.

$$s^*(v_i, \Delta v_i) = s_{0,i} + v_i T_i + \frac{v_i \Delta v_i}{\sqrt{2a_i b_i}}$$

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- $s_{0,i}$: as said before, is the minimum desired distance.
- $v_i T_i$: is the reaction time safety distance. It is the distance the vehicle travels before the driver reacts (brakes).

Since speed is distance over time, distance is speed times time.

$$v = \frac{d}{T} \Rightarrow d = vT$$

- $(v_i \Delta v_i) / \sqrt{(2a_i b_i)}$: this is a bit more complicated term. It's a speed-difference-based safety distance. It represents the distance it will take the vehicle to slow down (without hitting the vehicle in front), without braking too much (the deceleration should be less than b_i).

How The Intelligent Driver Model Works

Vehicles are assumed to be moving along a straight path and assumed to obey the following equation:

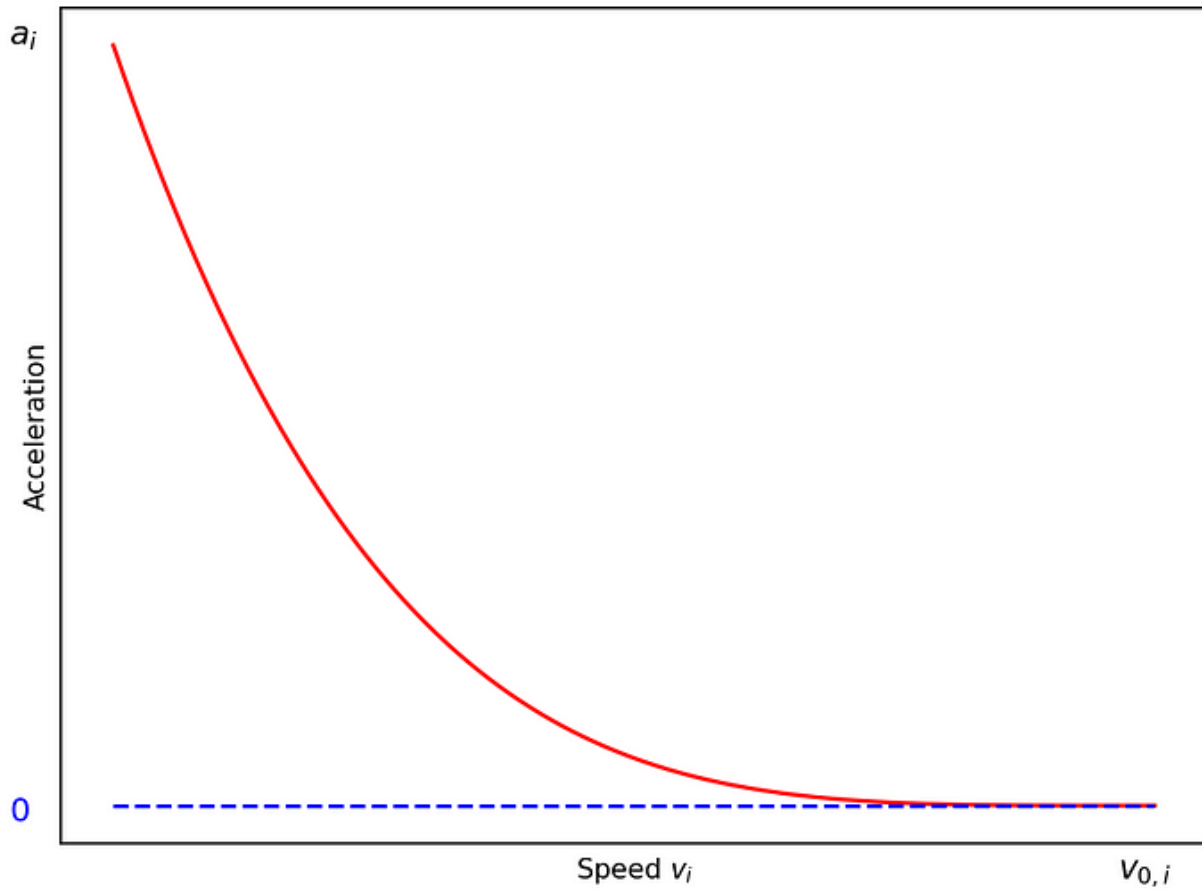
$$\frac{dv_i}{dt} = a_{free\ road} + a_{interaction}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_{free\ road} = a_i \left(1 - \left(\frac{v_i}{v_{0,i}} \right)^\delta \right) \\ a_{interaction} = -a_i \left(\frac{s^*(v_i, \Delta v_i)}{s_i} \right)^2 \end{cases}$$

To get a better understanding of the equation, we can divide its terms in two. We have a **free road acceleration** and an **interaction acceleration**.

$$a_{free\ road} = a_i \left(1 - \left(\frac{v_i}{v_{0,i}} \right)^\delta \right)$$

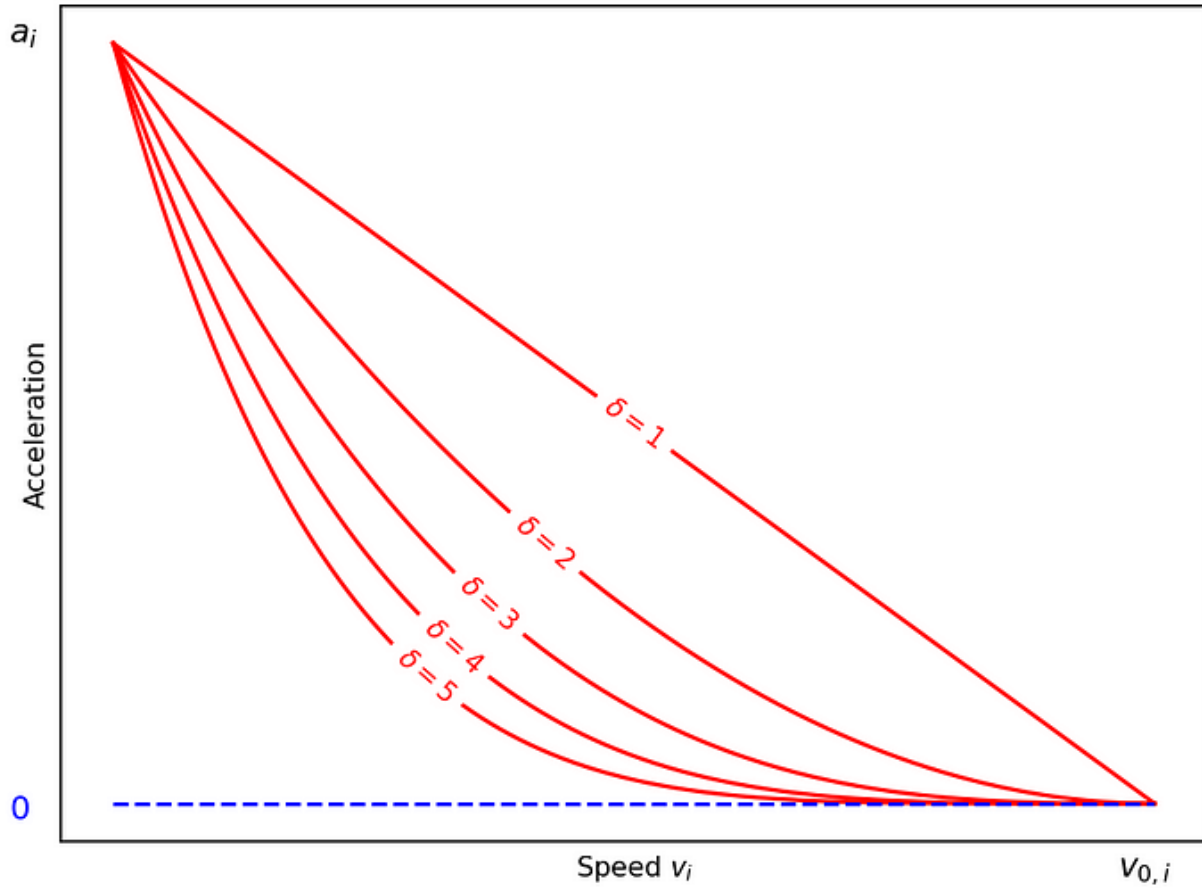
The **free road acceleration** is the acceleration on a free road, that is, an empty road with no vehicles ahead. If we plot the acceleration as a function of speed v_i we get:



Acceleration as a function of speed. Image by Author.

We notice that when the vehicle is stationary ($\mathbf{v_i=0}$) the acceleration is maximal. When the vehicle speed approaches the maximum speed $\mathbf{v_{0,i}}$ the acceleration becomes 0. This indicates that the **free road acceleration** will accelerate the vehicle to the maximum speed.

If we plot the v-a diagram for different values of δ , we notice that it controls how quickly the driver decelerates when approaching the maximum speed. Which in turn controls the smoothness of the acceleration/deceleration/



Acceleration as a function of speed. Image by Author.

$$a_{interaction} = -a_i \left(\frac{s^*(v_i, \Delta v_i)}{s_i} \right)^2 = -a_i \left(\frac{s_{0,i} + v_i T_i}{s_i} + \frac{v_i \Delta v_i}{2s_i \sqrt{a_i b_i}} \right)^2$$

The **interaction acceleration** is linked to the interaction with the vehicle in front. To better understand how it works, let's consider the following situations:

- **On a free road ($s_i \gg s^*$):**

When the vehicle in front is far away, that is the distance s_i is dominates the desired distance s^* , the interaction acceleration is almost 0.

This means that vehicle will be governed by the free road acceleration.

$$\frac{dv_i}{dt} \approx a_{free\ road} = a_i \left(1 - \left(\frac{v_i}{v_{0,i}} \right)^\delta \right) ; \quad \left(\frac{s^*(v_i, \Delta v_i)}{s_i} \right)^2 \approx 0$$

- **At high approach rates (Δv_i):**

When the speed difference is high, the interaction acceleration tries to compensate for that by braking or slowing down using the $(v_i \Delta v_i)^2$ term in the numerator but too hard. This is achieved through the denominator $4b_i s_i^2$. (I honestly have no idea how does it limit the deceleration to exactly b_i).

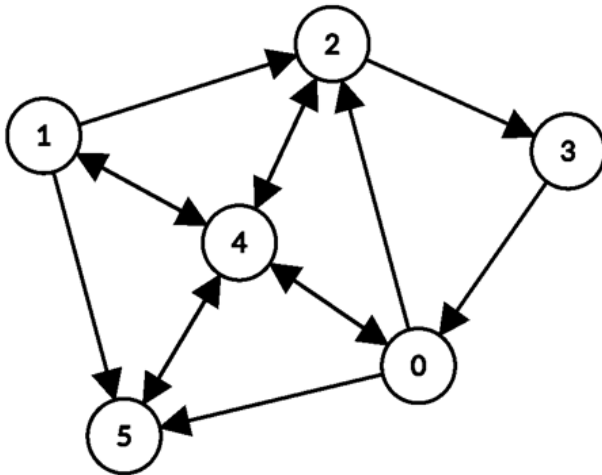
$$a_{interaction} = -a_i \left(\frac{s_{0,i} + v_i T_i}{s_i} + \frac{v_i \Delta v_i}{2s_i \sqrt{a_i b_i}} \right)^2 \approx -\frac{(v_i \Delta v_i)^2}{4b_i s_i^2}$$

- **At small distance difference ($s_i \ll 1$ and $\Delta v_i \approx 0$):**

The acceleration becomes a simple repulsive force.

$$a_{interaction} = -a_i \left(\frac{s_{0,i} + v_i T_i}{s_i} + \frac{v_i \Delta v_i}{2s_i \sqrt{a_i b_i}} \right)^2 \approx -a_i \frac{(s_{0,i} + v_i T_i)^2}{s_i^2}$$

Traffic Road Network Model



$$V = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$E = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0, 2), (0, 4), (0, 5), \\ (1, 2), (1, 4), (1, 5), \\ (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 0), \\ (4, 0), (4, 1), (4, 2), \\ (4, 5), (5, 4) \end{array} \right\}$$

Example of a directed graph. Diagram (left) Sets (right)

We need to model a network of roads. To do this, we will use a **directed graph** $G=(V, E)$. Where:

- **V** is the set of vertices (or nodes).
- **E** is the set of edges that represent roads.

Every vehicle is going to have a path consisting of multiple roads (edges). We will apply the Intelligent Driver Model for vehicles in the same road (same edge). When a vehicle reaches the end of the road, we remove it from that road and append it to its next road.

In the simulation we won't keep a set (array) of nodes, instead, every road is going to be explicitly defined by the values of its start and end nodes.

Stochastic Vehicle Generator

In order to add vehicles to our simulation we have two options:

- Add every vehicle manually to the simulation by creating a new `Vehicle` class instance and adding it to the list of vehicles.
- Add vehicles stochastically according to pre-defined probabilities.

For the second option, we have to define a stochastic vehicle generator.

A stochastic vehicle generator is defined by two constraints:

- **Vehicle generation rate (τ):** (in vehicles per minute) describes how many vehicles should be added to the simulation, on average, per minute.
- **Vehicle configuration list(L):** A list of tuples containing the configuration and probability of vehicles.

$$L = [(p_1, V_1), (p_2, V_2), (p_3, V_3), \dots]$$

The stochastic vehicle generator generates the vehicle V_i with probability p_i .

Traffic Light



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Traffic lights are placed at vertices and are characterized by two zones:

- **Slow down zone:** characterized by a *slow down distance* and a *slow down factor*, is a zone in which vehicles slow down their maximum speed using the slow down factor.

$$v_{0,i} := \alpha v_{0,i} \text{ with } \alpha < 1$$

- **Stop zone:** characterized by a *stop distance*, is a zone in which vehicles stop. This is achieved using a damping force through this dynamics equation:

$$\frac{dv_i}{dt} = -b_i \frac{v_i}{v_{0,i}}$$