## Optimal Velocity Traffic Flow Model

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# Sample Programs

https://github.com/modeling-and-simulation-mc-saga/OV

## Car-Following Model

- Car follows the motion of the preceding car
  - Keep the same speed of the preceding?
  - Keep the headway to the preceding?
- What should be described?
  - Speed depending on car density
  - Delayed motions

# Fundamentals of Optimal Velocity Model

- ullet Optimal speed depending on headway  $\Delta x$ 
  - Sigmoidal function of  $\Delta x$
- Car adjusts its speed by acceleration/deceleration, if its speed deviates from the optimal value.

# Optimal Velocity Model

- Position of car: x
- ullet Headway distance to the preceding car:  $\Delta x$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 x}{\mathrm{d}t^2} = \alpha \left[ V_{\text{optimal}} \left( \Delta x \right) - \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} \right]$$
 (3.1)

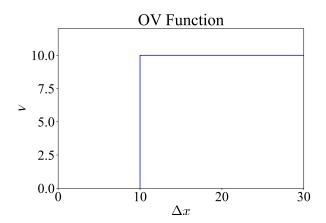
- Second order differential equation of position
  - Delay in motion naturally introduced

## Step OV Function

$$V_{\text{optimal}}(\Delta x) = \begin{cases} v_{\text{max}} & \Delta x > d \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (4.1)

- ullet N cars on a circuit with length L
  - b = L/N > d: All cars run with  $v_{\text{max}}$
  - ullet b < d: All cars accelerate and decelerate repeatedly

# Step OV Function



#### Escape from Jam

• General solution for  $V_{\text{optimal}}(\Delta x) = v_{\text{max}}$  (A and B are constants)

$$x(t) = B + v_{\text{max}}t + Ae^{-\alpha t}$$
(4.2)

Verify by deriving the first and second derivative

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = v_{\mathrm{max}} - \alpha A e^{-\alpha t} \tag{4.3}$$

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$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 x}{\mathrm{d}t^2} = \alpha^2 A e^{-\alpha t}$$
(4.3)

- Two cars stopping at a distance  $\Delta x_{
  m J}$
- The leading car starts at t=0 because  $\Delta x > d$

$$x^{P}(t) = \Delta x_{J} + v_{\text{max}}t - \frac{v_{\text{max}}}{\alpha} \left(1 - e^{-\alpha t}\right)$$
 (4.5)

$$x^{\mathrm{P}}(0) = \Delta x_{\mathrm{J}} \tag{4.6}$$

$$v^{P}(t) = v_{\text{max}} \left( 1 - e^{-\alpha t} \right) \tag{4.7}$$

$$v^{\mathbf{P}}\left(0\right) = 0\tag{4.8}$$

• The follower car starts at  $t=t_0$  because  $\Delta x>d$ 

$$\Delta x_{\rm J} + v_{\rm max} t_0 - \frac{v_{\rm max}}{\alpha} \left( 1 - e^{-\alpha t_0} \right) = d \tag{4.9}$$

Trajectory of the follower

$$x^{F}(t) = v_{\text{max}}(t - t_{0}) - \frac{v_{\text{max}}}{\alpha} \left( 1 - e^{-\alpha(t - t_{0})} \right)$$

$$x^{F}(t_{0}) = 0$$

$$v^{F}(t) = v_{\text{max}} \left( 1 - e^{-\alpha(t - t_{0})} \right)$$

$$v^{F}(t_{0}) = 0$$

$$(4.11)$$

$$(4.12)$$

$$v^{F}(t_{0}) = 0$$

$$(4.13)$$

Headway of the follower

$$\Delta x(t) = x^{P}(t) - x^{F}(t)$$

$$= \Delta x_{J} + v_{\text{max}} t_{0} + \frac{v_{\text{max}}}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t} \left(1 - e^{\alpha t_{0}}\right)$$

$$\xrightarrow[t \to \infty]{} \Delta x_{J} + v_{\text{max}} t_{0}$$
(4.14)

## Catch up to Jam

• General solution for  $V_{\text{optimal}}(\Delta x) = 0$  (A and B are constants)

$$x(t) = B + Ae^{-\alpha t} \tag{4.15}$$

Verify by deriving the first and second derivative

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = -\alpha A e^{-\alpha t} \tag{4.16}$$

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$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 x}{\mathrm{d}t^2} = \alpha^2 A e^{-\alpha t}$$
(4.16)

- ullet Two car running at a distance  $\Delta x_{
  m F}$
- The leader car starts to decelerate at t=0 because  $\Delta x < d$
- Trajectory of the leader

$$x^{P}(t) = \Delta x_{F} + \frac{v_{\text{max}}}{\alpha} (1 - e^{-\alpha t})$$
 (4.18)

$$x^{\mathrm{P}}(0) = \Delta x_{\mathrm{F}} \tag{4.19}$$

$$v^{\mathrm{P}}(t) = v_{\mathrm{max}}e^{-\alpha t} \tag{4.20}$$

$$v^{\mathrm{P}}\left(0\right) = v_{\mathrm{max}} \tag{4.21}$$

- The follower starts to decelerate at t = t' because  $\Delta x < d$
- Trajectory of the follower

$$x^{F}(t) = v_{\text{max}}t' + \frac{v_{\text{max}}}{\alpha} \left( 1 - e^{-\alpha(t - t')} \right)$$

$$x^{F}(t') = v_{\text{max}}t'$$

$$v^{F}(t) = v_{\text{max}}e^{-\alpha(t - t')}$$
(4.22)
$$(4.23)$$

$$v^{\mathrm{F}}\left(t'
ight) = v_{\mathrm{max}}$$
   
 • Headway of the follower

$$\Delta x = x^{P}(t) - x^{F}(t)$$

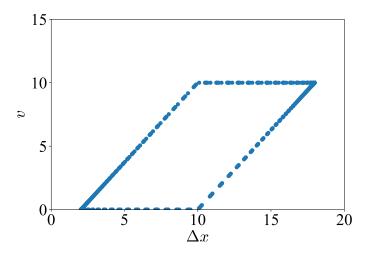
$$= \Delta x_{F} + \frac{v_{\text{max}}}{\alpha} (1 - e^{-\alpha t}) - v_{\text{max}} t' + \frac{v_{\text{max}}}{\alpha} (1 - e^{-\alpha (t - t')})$$

$$= \Delta x_{F} - v_{\text{max}} t' + \frac{v_{\text{max}}}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t} (1 - e^{\alpha t'})$$

$$\xrightarrow{t \to \infty} \Delta x_{F} - v_{\text{max}} t'$$
(4.26)

(4.25)

# Trajectory in headway-speed plane

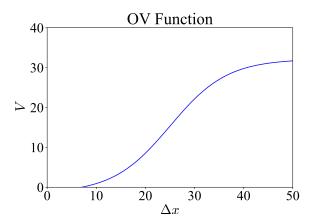


#### Realistic OV Function

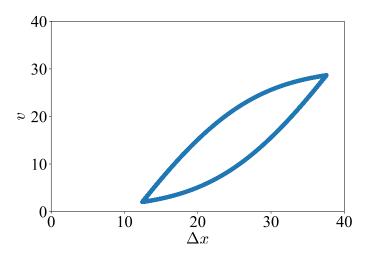
$$V_{\text{optimal}}(\Delta x) = \frac{v_{\text{max}}}{2} \left[ \tanh\left(2\frac{\Delta x - d}{w}\right) + c \right]$$
 (5.1)

parameters	values
$v_{ m max}$	33.6 m/s
d	25 m
$\overline{w}$	23.3 m
c	0.913
$\alpha$	2 1/s

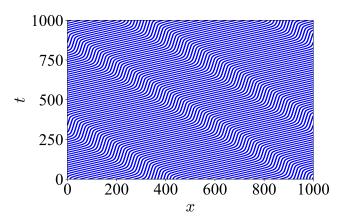
#### **OV** function



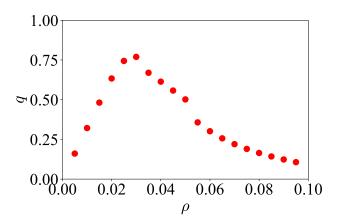
# Trajectory in headway-speed plane



## Space-time diagram



## Fundamental diagram



## Class plan

- abstractModel package
  - Car
    - Keep position and speed at fixed time interval
    - Not describe motion
  - OV
    - Move car by given OV function
- analysis package
  - Fundamental
    - Generate fundamental diagrams
  - HV
    - Generate trajectory in headway-speed plane

- models package
  - Simulation
    - Execute simulation with given OV function
    - OV function is given as DoubleFunction<Double>.
  - Step
    - Simulation with step OV function
  - Tanh
    - Simulation with tanh OV function

## Example: Step OV function

```
public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException {
1
          int length = 1000;
          int tmax = 10000:
          double alpha = 1.;
          double vmax = 10.:
5
          double d = 10.:
          int numCar = 100:
          DoubleFunction<Double> ovfunction
8
                  = x \rightarrow {
9
                       double v = 0;
10
                       if (x > d) \{ v = vmax: \}
11
12
                       return v:
13
                  };
14
          Simulation sys
              = new Simulation(ovfunction, length, numCar, alpha);
15
          sys.spacetime("Step-spacetime.txt");
16
          sys.hv("Step-hv.txt");
17
          sys.fundamental("Step-fundamental.txt", 10, 190, 10, 100);
18
     }
19
20
```