

COMPUTATION OF SOME PEDESTRIAN DELAY AND TRAFFIC FLOW MODELS

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ABSTRACT

For some years now, the importance of both counting and gap distribution in road traffic flow has been recognised. One reason for their importance is that they are linked to three important aspects of road traffic viz: flow, concentration and capacity. Another reason is that the distribution of vehicles on a road can be considered as a succession of moving gaps and dealt with on that basis.

It has been discovered that the displaced exponential distribution is a good model for low-medium flow rate of up to 800 vehicles per hour (v/h) in one lane of traffic, but it breaks down for higher flows. A number of alternatives to this model are considered in this work.

There is however no real proof to show that the displaced exponential model can be improved upon much as a model. The mixed exponential distribution improves the fit some what.

For the purpose of this study the BASIC programming language was used to evaluate the various models discussed. Useful recommendations were made based on the findings of the study.

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CHAPTER ONE

1.1 INTRODUCTION

A single lane of vehicles moving in one direction down a road can be thought of in two ways. On the one hand, we might be interested in the number of vehicles passing a fixed point on the road at some assigned time. This gives us a distribution that is a measure of flow rate, that is, "a counting distribution". On the other hand we might be interested in the gaps between successive vehicles. This can be considered as either distance gaps or more usually time-gaps known as head-ways (usually measured in seconds). Headway is usually the relevant quantity when considering, for example, problems concerning the delay of a pedestrian wishing to cross a road, since it is the time-gap in which he has to cross (safely) that is of importance.

Both counting and headway distributions are linked to three fundamental aspects of road traffic viz: flow, concentration and capacity. The flow rate is the reciprocal of the mean headway, capacity is the maximum flow and is this related to the minimum headway, and the concentration (or density) is the reciprocal of the mean spacing or distance gap. Thus both counting and headway distribution are of importance.

This study experiments some pedestrian delay traffic flow models restricted to a single lane of traffic and at intersections. More often than not, pedestrians crossing a road at a given point, base their decision on crossing on some certain conditions; one of which is the proximity of the nearest car to the pedestrian, its speed and the length of the road to be crossed. It has been discovered that a pedestrian can only allow for gaps that are longer than their 'critical-gaps' before crossing a road and that they tend to reject gaps that are lesser than their individual critical gaps.

The critical-gap is a measure of the safest distance a pedestrian or car can allow before crossing a road or an intersection or a T-junction. Critical-gaps vary from one individual to another and also from one situation to another. Other possible considerations are; length of road and the speed of an approaching vehicle. Pedestrians may be delayed depending on whether they cross the road at the instant that a vehicle just passed (i.e just at the pedestrian arrival time) or waiting to obtain a gap suitable for crossing. Pedestrians could either cross singly i.e linearly or batch depending on their position of crossing. This situation also affects vehicles while crossing a T-junction or at intersection that is not signalized.

It should however, be noted that the model (displaced exponential distribution) used in this study will break down for roads with flow rates of vehicles greater than 800 vehicles per hour (v/h).

1.2 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The problem of pedestrian crossing and traffic congestions on highways has been a thing of concern for many road users and researchers in this area of study.

Different researchers have looked at it in different ways. In this work, some pedestrian and traffic delay models (stochastic models) were considered and programs were written to evaluate these models.

It is hoped that the results obtained from this work will be relevant for future research work that may be carried out along this line.

1.3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The intent of this work is to use the computer capability to evaluate some pedestrian and traffic flow models on the road. It is also intended to give us an understanding of the behaviour of such models.

1.4 LIMITATIONS AND SCOPE

This work has the following scope and limitations:

1. It considers flow rates that are not greater than 800 vehicles per hour (v/h) on a single lane.
2. The data sets used are hypothetical.
3. Inadequate materials on this work also hampered its scope.
4. It is not intended to devise a new model but to apply the computer in evaluating the models being studied.
5. The time limit was another limitation of this work.

1.5 DEFINITIONS

Modelling

This is the art of model building. A model can be said to be an abstraction of reality or rather a mathematical representation of a real life situation.

Stochastic Models

Also called probabilistic models; it describes a model in which a random element is incorporated or one in which one of the operating characteristics is given by a probability function.

Poisson Distribution

This is a special kind of probability distribution which can be applied to a large number of physical and natural phenomena. Suppose there are a large number of

occasion during a particular period of time in which some events can occur, and on any one occasion there is a small but identical probability that it will occur. But the overage rate of occurrence for identical periods is the same, then the Poisson distribution will give the probabilities that during the period of time the events will occur a specified number of times. Thus the probability that a variable with a Poisson distribution takes on a value r is given by the relation

$$P(r) = e^{-\lambda} \lambda^r / r!$$

where r can take on any positive value. λ is the mean and e is the exponential which equals 2.71828.

Random Variable

A quantity which varies within a given frequency distribution, so that values occur with specific probabilities.

Frequency Distribution

It describes graphically or in tabular form the manner in which the frequencies of constituents of a sample or population are distributed.

Probability Density Functions

This is a mathematical expression showing the relative frequency of x as a function for the Binomial distribution is given as $f(x) = {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x}$ where $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$. $q = 1 - p$ and the values of $f(x)$ for all n must sum to 1. For continuous x , then $\int p(x) dx = 1$.

Relative Frequency

The frequency of occurrences (or observations) of a particular group (such as the interval classes of a variable value) expressed as a function of all occurrences (or

observations) in all groups.

Random Process

This is synonymous to a 'stochastic' process and it describes a physical process which is either in whole or in part controlled by some sort of chance mechanism.

Counting Distribution

This gives the probability of any given number of vehicles arriving at a point in a unit time interval and it in turn describes the Poisson distribution which is

given by:- $P(r) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^r}{r!}$.

Gap Distribution

It is the probability of gaps or headway of a given time interval t . And this turns out to be an exponential distribution with probability density function given as

$$f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}, t > 0.$$

Headway

This refers to the time gaps between successive vehicles, and are usually measured from front bumper to front bumper of the vehicles in question.

Traffic flow rate

Describes the reciprocal of the mean time gaps between vehicles.

Capacity

It defines the maximum flow which related to the minimum time gap between vehicles on a given road.

Concentration

The mean distance-gap between vehicles on a given road.

Time gap

The time taken for the nearest vehicle to reach a pedestrian.

Intersection

This is the area where two or more high ways join or cross and includes the roadway and roadside facilities for traffic movement in that area. The prime operational function of the intersection is to provide for changes in travel direction.

Critical - Gap

Describes the safest instance or time-gap a pedestrian can allow relative to the nearest vehicle before crossing the road. This differs from one individual to another and from one situation to another.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 INTRODUCTION

Traffic flow theory is that body of knowledge which is concerned with the analytic formulation of traffic phenomena and mechanisms and the extension of these formulations to realize greater understanding or utility in traffic. This particular discipline is marked by the use of mathematical analysis and modelling, the techniques of system and control engineering, and computer simulation and process control.

Many researchers have reviewed traffic flow theory from different perspectives. Some of these views and considerations are discussed below.

2.2 CAR-FOLLOWING AND MACROSCOPIC FLOW

A car-following model is a mathematical expression relating the movement of a single vehicle to that of the vehicle it follows. Such expressions may be manipulated to yield some descriptive expressions for the flow of an entire traffic stream.

Major work in car following was undertaken at the General Motors research laboratories by Herman and Rothery (1959). The basic principle of this work is that the driving pattern of an individual driver can be effectively model by differential equation relating him to other drivers in a single lane traffics.

Typical of the equations considered is
$$\frac{dV_n(t)}{dt} = \frac{K}{X_n(t-T) - X_{n-1}(t-T)} [V_n(t-T) - V_{n-1}(t-T)]$$

where V_i = speed of the i^{th} driver

X_i = position of the i^{th} the driver

T = a delay on response lag.

The equation states that the acceleration of a driver (number n) is determined by the difference between his speed and that of the vehicle in front of him (number $n-1$) with the sensitivity to speed discrepancies determined by some constant k , and the spacing between the two vehicles; the further away the lower the sensitivity

2.3 OTHER FLOW DENSITY MODELS

In addition to the car following derivations of macroscopic flow relationships, such expressions have been arrived at by curve-fitting hypothesis (Green Shield, 1964), by observation of safe headway (Morrissons, 1964), by heat flow analysis (Harold Lean, 1961) and by fluid flow analogies (Morrisson, 1964). The heat and fluid analogies centres on equilibrium conditions for partial differential equations expressing a heat or mass_balance equation of continuity. The derivation on safe headway allows for space headway which include a vehicle length l , a reaction-time distance $C_1 V$ (where c_1 is the reaction or 'dead' time), and a deceleration distance $C_2 V^2$ (where C_2 is determined by braking capability) $\Delta x = L + C_1 V + C_2 V^2$ or $Q = VD = v/x$

$$Q = \frac{V}{L + C_1 V + C_2 V}$$

and it may be shown that the maximum flow Q_n is attained a speed

$$V = \sqrt{L/C_2} \text{ spacing } \Delta x = 2L + C_1 \sqrt{L/C_2}.$$

It should be noted that it is generally taken that the density D is the basic

independent variable, with speed V and thus flow Q being dependent on it. This is reflected in the above derivations. Other notable models on flow-density relationships include the classic treatment by Lighthill and Witham via kinematics waves of the propagation and growth of disturbance by shock waves (Lighthill and Witham, 1964) and the description of individual vehicle speeds. The former also an interesting theory of bottlenecks, and some notes on traffic flow functions.

The mechanism of the bottleneck formulation by Lighthill and Witham are illustrated in the figure below.

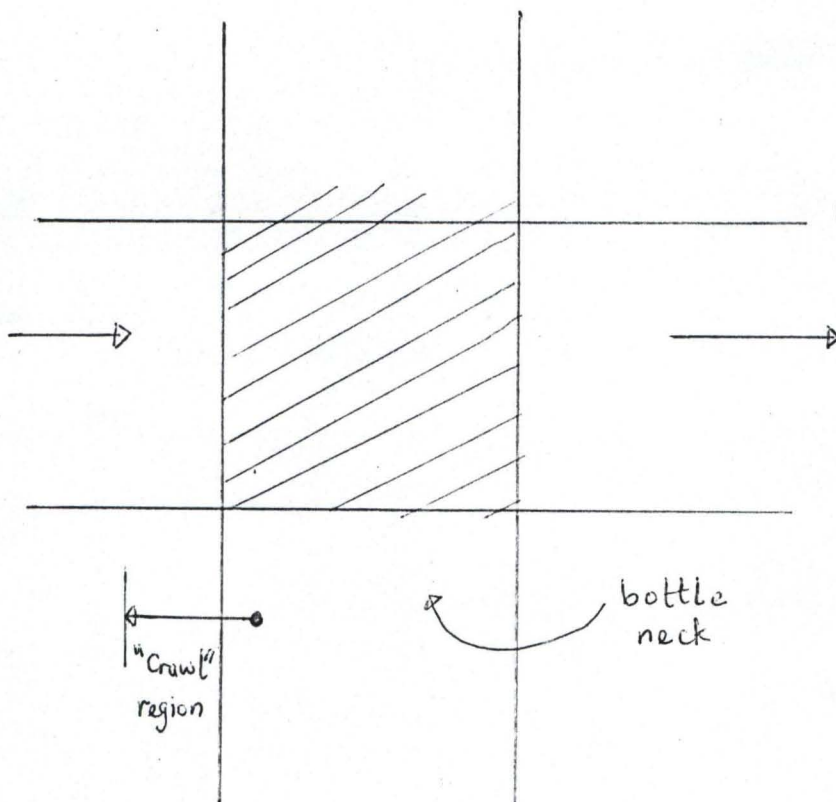


Fig 2.1(a) Location of bottleneck.

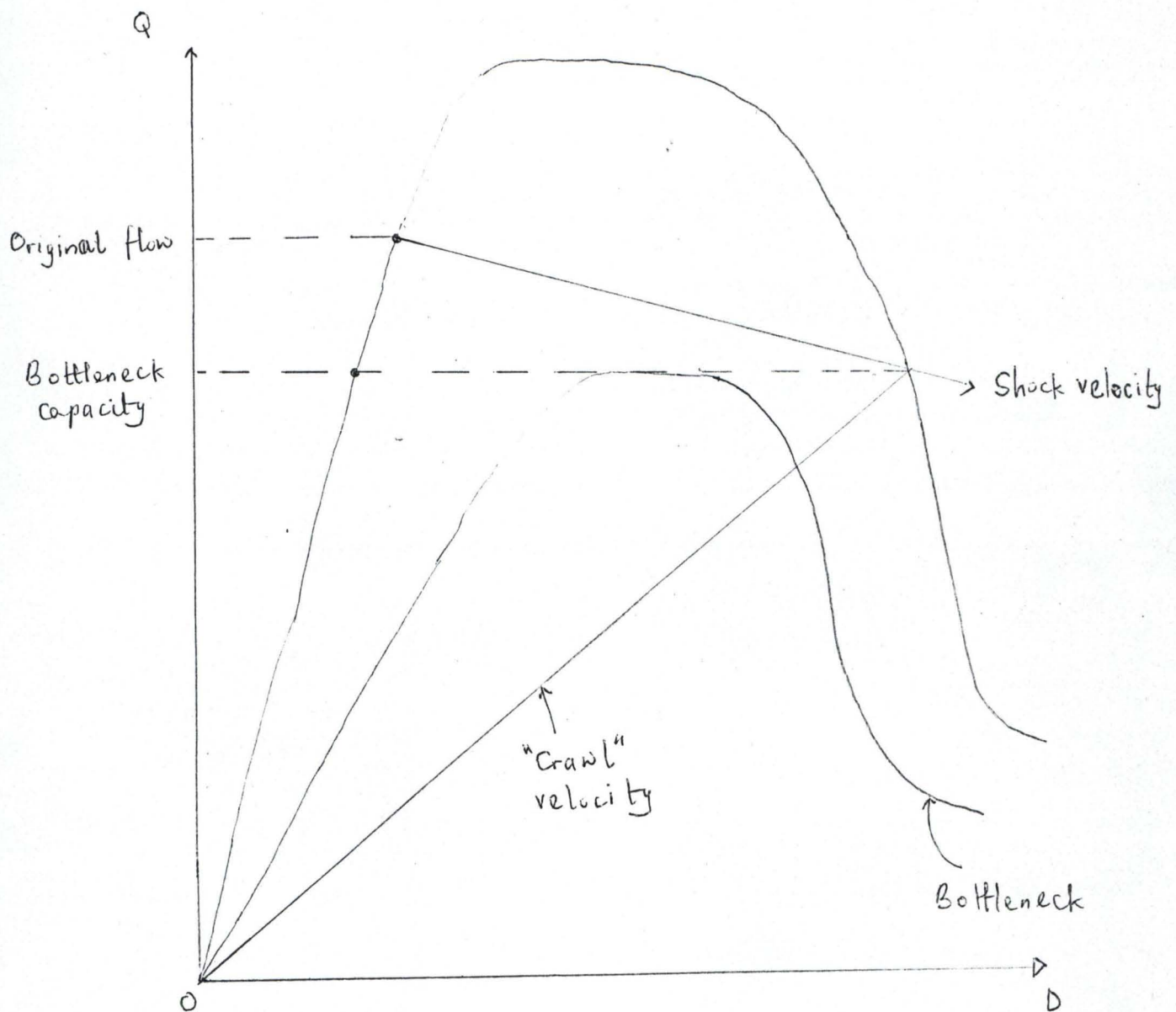


Fig 2.1(b) Flow density

In which, the flow-density relationship of both the main road and its bottleneck sector are shown. Given an arriving flow (point A) in excess of the bottleneck capacity, a capacity operation (point B) is realized above the bottleneck area, and the same flow is realized beyond it (point F), but at considerably better level of service. This is because the chord (the line OF) which indicates the speed is significantly faster than that indicated by chord OB. The propagation of the "shock wave" is at a velocity given by

the interface of the two flows (the chord AB) and , being negative is "turned back" upstream.

Its position may be computed by its direction and propagation speed. Vehicles between its position and the physical bottlenecks are forced to a "crawl" at speed OB.

The approach for dense flow as treated here (Light hill and Whitham, 1955) are effected using classical methods. These methods are macroscopic in that the properties of individual vehicles do not enter, so such theories cannot be expected to explain traffic behaviour in any detail. Dynamic or car-following models on the other hand, are microscopic in the sense that attention is focussed on the behaviour of two consecutive vehicles moving down a road. Both of these type of models are deterministic in nature.

2.4 PROBABILISTIC MODELS

A quite different kind of model from those already mentioned is the probabilistic or stochastic model in which a random element is incorporated. Here traffic flow is considered as a stochastic point process, the probabilistic structure of which is to be inferred as far as possible from data collected in real situations. Such formulations, involving statistical variables, need sophisticated mathematical techniques to exploit them (Ashton, 1971).

2.5 QUEUING THEORY

The arrival of vehicles and pedestrian at either intersection or at crossing point are

considered random. Like most waiting line phenomena (a queue is a waiting line). The arrival of traffic and pedestrian could be thus considered.

Barrer (1957), says it all in the title of his paper "queuing with impatient customers and indifferent clerk". Barrer says in certain queuing process, the potential customer is considered 'lost' if the system is busy as at the time the service is demanded. The telephone subscriber hangs up when he gets a busy signal. a man trying to get a hair cut during his lunch hour does not wait unless a chair is immediately available. Another form of this general situation is that in which customers wait for service, but wait for a limited time only. If not served during this time, the customer leaves the system and is considered lost. Such situation occur in the processing or merchandising of perishable goods. Many types of military engagement are similarly characterized. An attacking air plane engaged by an anti-aircraft gun or missiles is available for 'service' that is within range for only a limited time. The theory of queues or waiting line theory has its origin in the work of A.K. Elang, starting 1909. he experimented on a problem dealing with the congestion of telephone traffic. During busy periods, intending callers experience some delays because the operators were unable to handle the calls as rapidly as they were made. The original problem Elang treated was the calculation of this delay for one operator, and in 1917 the result were extended to the case of several operators. This was the year that Elang published his well known work, "Solution of Some Problems In Theory of Probabilities of Significance in Automatic Telephone In charge." Development in the field of telephone traffic continued largely along the line initiated by Elang, and the main publication were those of Molina in 1927 and Thronton. D. Fry in 1928. It was not until the end of World War two that

this early work was extended to other general problem involving queues or waiting line.

In spite of the catching title which is descriptive of the common feeling about queues, Barrer's paper is an innovative application of queuing theory to the destruction of attacking war-planes, not to general queuing theory.

We must join a Queue when we want to get cash from an automatic teller machine (ATM), buy stamps, pay for groceries, purchase a movie ticket, obtain a table in a crowded restaurant e.t.c. Larson (1987) discussed some of the psychological implications of queues. He says: "Queues involve waiting, to be sure, but one's attitude towards queues may be influenced more strongly by other factors. For instance many become infuriated if they experience social injustice defined as violation of First In First Out (FIFO). Queuing environment and feed back regarding the likely magnitude of the delay can also influence customer attitude and ultimately in many instances, a firm's market share. Even if we focus on the wait itself the "outcome" of the queuing experience may vary non-linearly with the delay, thus reducing the importance of average time in queue, the traditional measure of queueing importance. This speculative paper uses personal experiences, published and unpublished cases, and occasionally "the literature" to begin to organise our thoughts on the important attributes of queueing. Larson further discussed some techniques that help to make queue more bearable for humans.

In any system that can be modelled as a queueing system, there are trade offs to be considered. If the service facility of the system has such a large capacity that queues rarely form, then the service facility is likely to be idle for a large fraction of the time so that unused capacity exist. Conversely, if almost all customers, must join a queue

In general, queueing situations arise either because of the variability (or stochastic nature) of the traffic flow or because of the capacity models. Thus some of the queueing models that are directly related to road traffic are presented below.

Queuing situation develops when items arrive at a serving channel for some type of service. The service of each arrival takes some length of time and can be provided from one or more than one serving channel.

$$\lambda = \text{arrival rate} \rightarrow \underbrace{\text{O} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{O}}_{\text{Queue}} \quad \text{O} \rightarrow \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{Service channel}} \quad \mu = \text{service rate}$$

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time the vehicle spends in the queue. Drew found the average delay to a vehicle ready and waiting to merge or cross a stream to be:

$$E(t) = \frac{e^{aqt} - \frac{(aqt)^i}{i}}{q^T - \frac{(aq^T)^i}{i}}$$

where T = the critical headway
 q = the flow rate in the stream to be crossed.

Thus, for the case in which the stream to be crossed has a negative exponential distribution ($a = 1$), the average delay becomes,

$$E(t) = q^{-1}(e^{aqT} - 1 - q^T)$$

Queueing at signalized intersections occur during the red face on each approach and the queuing becomes more severe as the volume of an approach near the capacity of the approach. Webster 1958 developed an equation for the average delay per vehicle on an approach of a given intersection controlled by a pre-timed signal control.

His formula is,

$$d = \frac{c(1-\lambda)^2}{2(1-\lambda)} + \frac{x^2}{2q(1-x)} - 0.65(c)^{1/2} X^{(2+5\lambda)}$$

where d = average delay on the intersection sec/vehi;

c = cycle length/second

λ = proportion of the cycle which is green on the approach i.e g/c ratio.

q = flow on the approach, v p h

i.e vehicles per hour.

s = saturation flow, vph on the approach

x = the degree of saturation on the approach = $g/\lambda s$.

It was found that a very good and simple representation of the formula for average delay per vehicle is $d = 0.9 \left[c(1-\lambda)/2(1-\lambda x) + x^2/2q(1-x) \right]$

If d is the average delay per vehicle, the average queue length on the approach can be found by: $E(n) = \frac{qd}{3600}$

where $E(n)$ = the expected queue length on the approach

q = the flow rate on the approach, vph

d = average delay per vehicle, sec/veh. of course, the queue length would vary considerably from the average length because of the periodic nature of the service rate.

CHAPTER THREE

MODEL DESCRIPTION

3.1 INTRODUCTION

A case is considered here, where a pedestrian wishes to cross a road along which traffic is flowing at a given rate; the assumptions made here are that:

- i. The flow of traffic is restricted only to a single lane.
- ii. The pedestrian requires a given minimum time to completely cross the road and
- iii. The pedestrian arrives at the crossing point just as a vehicle passes.

Basically the interest is in obtaining the probability of a pedestrian being delayed and how long such delay takes for the purpose of precision, we need to consider the rules that governs the behaviour of both pedestrian and vehicles.

3.2 RULES GOVERNING PEDESTRIANS DECISION

To cross the road, often, the pedestrian bases his decision on some factors;

- Proximity of nearest vehicle
- Speed of the vehicle
- Width of the road (single lane)
- The time gap currently faced by the pedestrian and
- What is called pedestrian critical gap.

Similar rules govern traffic flow on roads except that their distribution is different it is given as:

$$\Gamma(t) = \begin{cases} 0, t \leq t_0 \\ t - t_0 / t_1 - t_0, t_0 < t \leq t_1 \\ 1, t > t_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Gamma^I(t) = \begin{cases} 1, t > t_1 \\ 0, t \leq t_0 \\ 1, -\exp[-\lambda(t - t_0)], t > t_0 \end{cases}$$

The most important of these several factors include the speed and proximity of the nearest vehicle. These factors can be accounted for by considering the time the nearest vehicle will take to reach the pedestrian (i.e. the time gap currently faced by the pedestrian). More often than not; these are intuitively considered by the pedestrian at the instant of crossing the road.

We may assume that each individual has a so called critical-gap, that varies from one individual to another and also from one situation to another. It is however interesting to note that any one individual in a specific situation will always reject or accept gaps depending on whether they are less than or greater than their critical gaps respectively. We nevertheless, can visualize situations of emergency, or when individuals are either under pressure or tension and they cross the road irrespective of the position or proximity of the nearest vehicle. In such situation like these individuals tend to accept gaps that they would normally have rejected.

The aforementioned situation gives rise to the simplest model for gap acceptance that can be set up and this can be represented by the step function $\Gamma(t)$ and graphically depicted below in figure 3.1

$$\Gamma(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \leq T \\ 1, & t > T \end{cases}$$

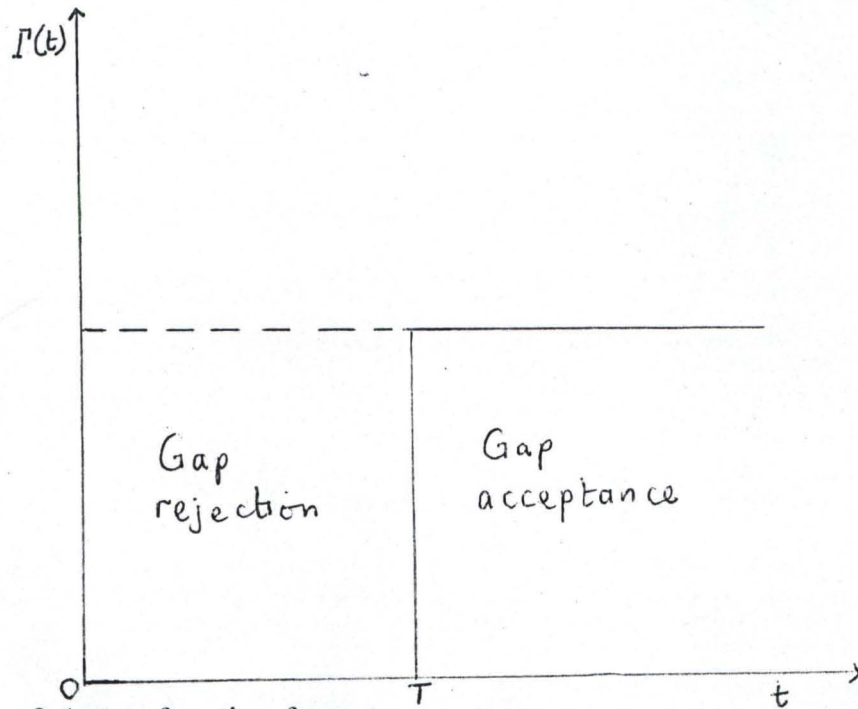


Figure 3.1 step-function for gap acceptance

If T is the critical gap of pedestrian and t is the proximity of the nearest vehicle, then the function $\Gamma(t) = 0$ (i.e. gap was rejected). This happens when proximity of the nearest vehicle is less than or equal to his critical gap t . The pedestrian thus reject such gaps and wait for the next available gap e.t.c. until a favourable gap is obtained where vehicle proximity to pedestrian is larger than his critical gap and this gives rise to the situation where $\Gamma(t) = 1$ (i.e. gap was accepted).

We may consider the way vehicles are distributed (in time) along a particular road.

It is not usually specified in probabilistic models how any particular vehicle is placed on the road. Instead a probability distribution for the headway between vehicles in a single lane of traffic.

A series of events, the arrival times of a series of vehicles at a point on the road is said to be random if the following condition hold:

- I. The probability of an event in a small time interval $(t, t + \Delta t)$ is $\lambda \Delta t + O(\Delta t)$, where λ is a constant.
- ii. The probability of two or more events in $(t, t + \Delta t)$ is $O(\Delta t)$
- iii. The number of events in $(t, t + \Delta t)$ is independent of what has happened in $(0, t)$.

λ is a constant value which defines the rate i.e the mean number of vehicles per unit time and $O(\Delta t)$ indicates a small-order quantity which can be neglected.

The hypothesis above give rise two distributions which equivalently describe random flow:

- I. The counting distribution gives the probability of any given number of vehicles arriving at a point in unit time interest of arrival.

This turns out to be the Poisson distribution which can be defined as:

$$P(t) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \quad \text{where } k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 3.1$$

Thus, the probability that an interval of time to pass without the occurrence of an event is the same as the probability that $k = 0$ within time t_0 , so we have the equation

$$P(t \geq t_0) = P(k=0) \text{ within the time limit } t_0, \text{ thus we have } P(t \geq t_0) = P(k=0) = \frac{e^{-m}}{0!}$$

$$\lambda^0 = e^{-m} \quad \text{---3.2}$$

$$0!$$

Since m is the expected number of successes in time t_0 , $m = \lambda t_0$, where λ is average rate of event occurrence and so we have $P(t \geq t_0) = e^{-\lambda t_0}$ ---3.3

This gives the probability that an interval between a pair of events is t_0 or larger.

We may note also that, the probability that an interval between a pair of events is less than t_0 is $P(t \leq t_0) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$ -----3.4

This is so because the sum of the occurrence of an event is equal to 1. We may thus have the probability density function for the negative exponential distribution to be given as $f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$ it is derived from equation 3.4 by differentiating it w.r.t t i.e $f(t) = d/dt (1 - e^{-\lambda t})$.

$$\text{i.e } \frac{d}{dt} (P(t \leq t_0)) = \frac{d}{dt} (1) - \frac{d}{dt} (e^{-\lambda t})$$

$$= 0 - (-\lambda)e^{-\lambda t} = 0 + \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t} \quad \text{---3.5}$$

The plot of this distribution is depicted below in figure 3.2

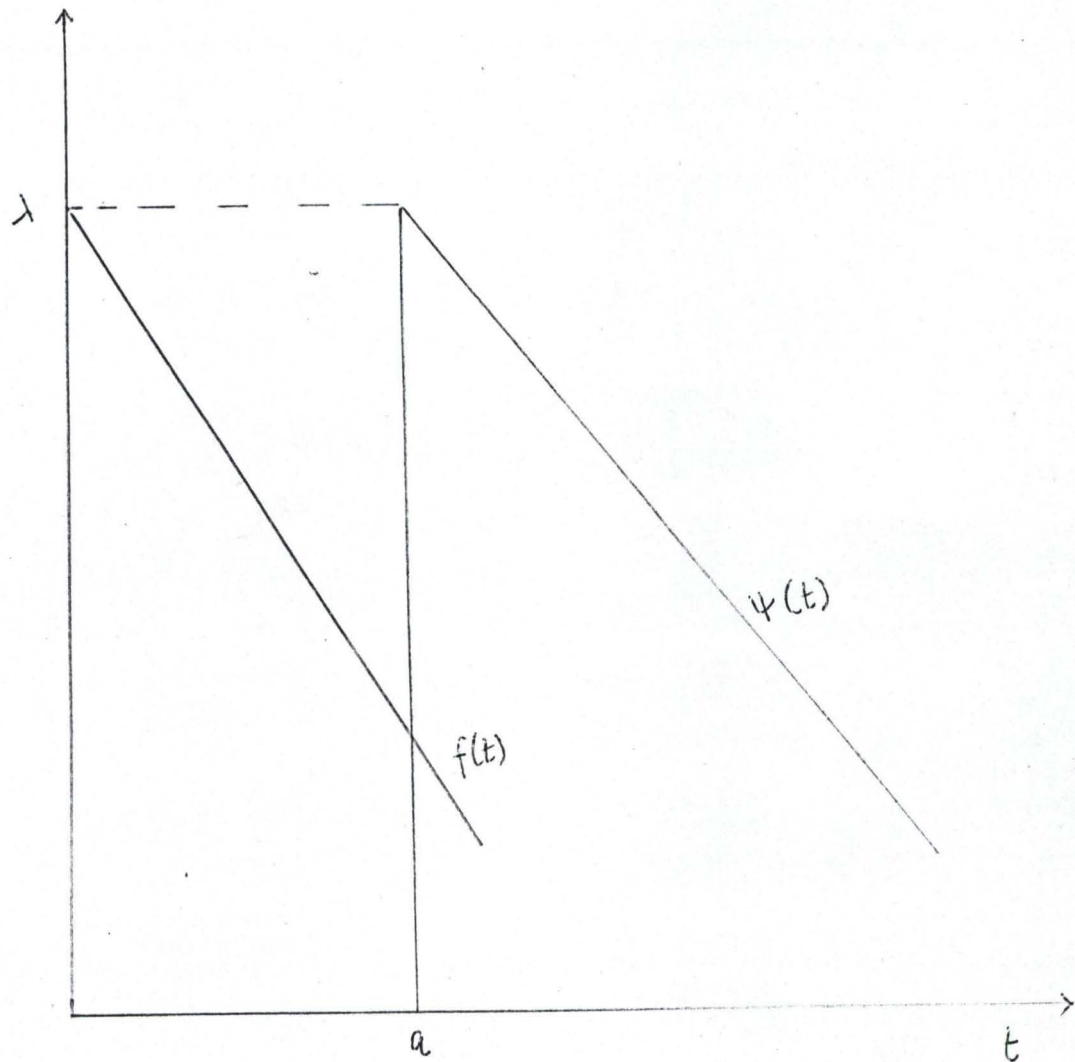


Figure 3.2 exponential and displaced exponential distribution curve.

The probability of encountering a gap greater than a given time interval, T , is given by the model expressed as, $P_{gap}(\text{gap} > T) = \int_T^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt = e^{-\lambda T}$

For flow rate of say 600 r.p.h, say, $\lambda = 600/3600 = 1/6$ i.e 1/6 v.p.s. If the pedestrian

requires, say a gap of at least 8 seconds in which to cross the road, then the probability of his being able to cross without delay is $e^{-8/6} = 0.2636$. If the pedestrian has to wait for the first vehicle to pass, he repeats the decision process with the second gap, and so on. The actual delay incurred is then obtained by summing random gaps. This dealt within the next section.

Before proceeding, let us consider how the model can be made more realistic. To begin with, since vehicles have a finite length, the headway between two vehicles is always non-zero. Thus, a displaced exponential distribution is more appropriate (see fig. 3.2). If the minimum time gap is a , where a is probably of the order of 1 second, the required distribution is $\phi = \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-a)}$, $t > a$ _____ 3.6

The mean headway of the exponential distribution (for which $a=0$) is easily shown to be $1/\lambda$, for the displaced exponential distribution it is $1/\lambda + a$

$$f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}, t > 0 \text{ (zero length vehicles)}$$

$$\phi(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-a)}, t > a \text{ (finite length vehicle)}$$

The restriction in the model which ensures that a pedestrian's arrival coincides exactly with the passage of the vehicle can also be removed. The restriction that traffic moves in a single lane may also be fitted. If there are two random streams with flow rate of λ_1 and λ_2 moving independently in the same direction, then it can be shown very simply that gaps in the combined streams are given by the probability density function. $\phi(t) = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t}$, $t > 0$ - 3.7.

For this stream the main gap is $1/(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$

and the probability of a pedestrian arriving in gap of length greater than T is given by $e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)T}$. This result could be extended to more than two random streams and to other distributions.

It is important to note here that if a pedestrian is to cross a road having more than stream of traffic, he may do so in at least two ways. He may consider gaps in the combined streams, then decide to cross in one go, or he may consider the streams separately - in which case there is an additional (or perhaps actual) island in the middle of the road. The results are different for the two models.

The case two streams of traffic, one in each direction, is intractable unless an island is postulated, in which case the model results are essentially the same as those for two streams in the same direction.

CHAPTER FOUR

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION.

4.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter concentrates on the development of software and its implementation. Here discussion will focus on the choice of programming language/the features of the chosen language, software requirements and its features, software development and testing, operational manual of the developed software and how to quit or exit the program.

4.2 CHOICE OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE/FEATURES OF THE CHOSEN LANGUAGE.

For the purpose of this study, the QBASIC Language was used because of the following features:-

- a) Absence of line-numbering which is a must in all BASIC interpreters.
- b) It is user - friendly. It support the use of pull-down menus for system commands (like RUN, SAVE, LOAD, EXIT e.t.c.). This allows for quicker execution of these commands.
- c). QBASIC supports blocked operations, particularly useful for structured programming. For instance, the blocked IF.....THEN... ELSE...ENDIF statement is support by QBASIC.

- d) QBASIC program files can be converted to executable files, (that is, files with extension EXE) which can be ran from the DOS prompt.
- e) QBASIC also support instant syntax checking as instructions are entered and it gives instant help on errors.
- f) The QBASIC compiler also comes along with a TUTOR which allows the user to learn more about the compiler and how to use it when writing programs.

4.3 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS AND FEATURES.

The software developed in this work can only run on computers with Micro-Soft Disk Operating System (MS-DOS) version 5.0 or other higher versions of DOS.

4.4 SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING

When a software is to be developed, it becomes necessary to express the requirement in a number of ways. The requirement must initially be expressed in terms that the user can understand and agree to. Ultimately these requirements will be presented to the computer in the form of a set of instructions which the computer can obey i.e program.

The principle of modular programming was applied in this research work. Instead of writing a single bulky and cumbersome procedure in which errors would have been difficult to detect and correct, three separate subroutines

were written namely: Opening, Main and Critical and were all linked together using the GOSUB-command.

The first subroutine(Opening) displays the opening message which shows the names of the writer of the program and the project supervisor and a copy-right message.

The second subroutine (Main) executes the following:

- a) P.D.F for pedestrians on single lane
- b) P.D.F for pedestrians on double lane with different flow rates
- c) Poisson distribution model for a single lane
- d) Mixed exponential model for single lane and
- e) Semipoisson and mixed exponential models

The third and final subroutine (Critical) is the critical-gap evaluation subroutine which is an intuitive test for a pedestrian's decision about crossing a single lane road.

4.5 OPERATIONAL MANUAL

Software development will be incomplete until the program have been written, thoroughly tested for a substantial period of time and documented. The operational manual is an important part of the documentation. The following steps are taken when activating the program.

- Step 1: Booting the system from the hard disk, successful booting will lead the user to C Prompt. (i.e C:\>)
- Step 2: At C:\> Type CD - QBASIC press the Enter key. Note: QBASIC is the directory on the harddisk that contains the compiler.
- Step 3: Insert the floppy diskette that contains the project programs into drive A.
- Step 3: At C:\QBASIC> Type QBASIC- a: Project Program and press the Enter key. This activities the program.

Carry out instructions displayed on the screen based on your choice.

4.6 MENUS DESCRIPTION

4.6.1 OPENING MESSAGE

On the activation of the program, the computer displays the message below,

COMPUTER EVALUATION OF PEDESTRIAN DELAY AND TRAFFIC FLOW MODELS

WRITTEN BY

JOHN OLUSEGUN

(PGD/MCS/487/97/98)

There is a fifteen - second delay before the screen is cleared for the next menu.

4.6.2. THE MAIN MENU

After the screen of the previous menu (i.e the opening menu) has been cleared, what appears on the screen is displayed below,

ENTER THE VALUE OF N FOR NUMBER OF ARRIVALS:-

If the value of N is typed and the ENTER key pressed, the next statement that would be displayed is;

ENTER THE VALUE OF THE NUMBER OF COMPUTATION(S) TO BE CARRIEDOUT - The next statement is :

ENTER THE VALUES FOR LAMDA 1, LAMDA 2

This allow the values of LAMDA, LAMDA1 AND LAMDA 2 to be entered for as many computation(s) to be carried out. The screen is then cleared and the next display on the screen is given below,

1. P.D.F. FOR PEDESTRIANS ON SINGLE LANE
2. P.D.F. FOR PEDESTRIANS ON DOUBLE LANE WITH DIFFERENT FLOWRATES
3. POISSON DISTRIBUTION MODEL FOR A SINGLE LANE
4. MIXED EXPONENTIAL MODEL FOR A DOUBLE LANE
5. SEMI POISSON AND MIXED EXPONENTIAL MODELS

6. CRITICAL-GAP EVALUATION PROGRAM

Ø. QUIT

ENTER YOUR CHOICE (1→ 6) AND Ø TO QUIT.

This is the main menu from which the various programs can be run. The cursor continues to blink on the bottom R.H.S. of the screen until a choice is made and the Enter key pressed.

4.7 QUITTING THE PROGRAM

To quit the program, all the user has to do is select the Ø option and press the ENTER key. This takes the user to the DOS Prompt.

CHAPTER FIVE

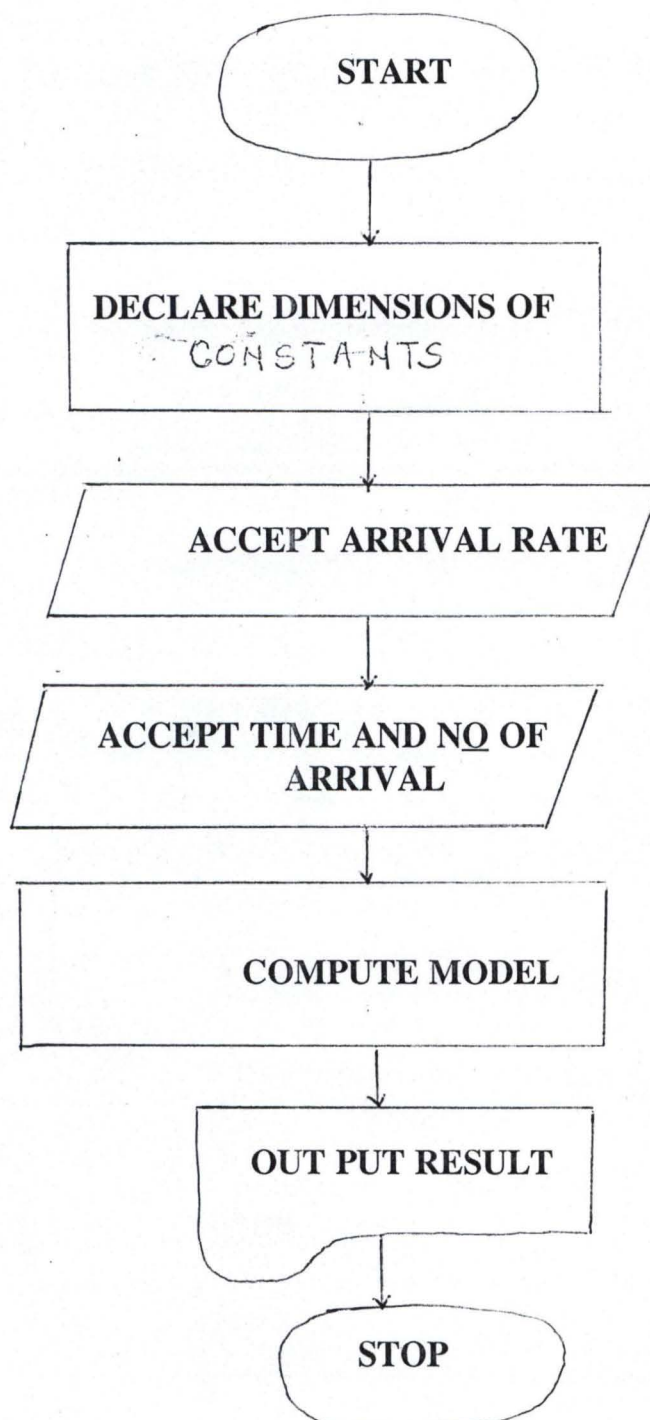
RESULT DISCUSSION, SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

5.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter focuses on analysis of the models in the main program summary and conclusions made and recommendations stated. The chapter opens with two flowcharts depicting the two main subroutines in the program i.e the Main Subroutine and the critical - gap evaluation subroutine. These flow charts are shown on the next page.

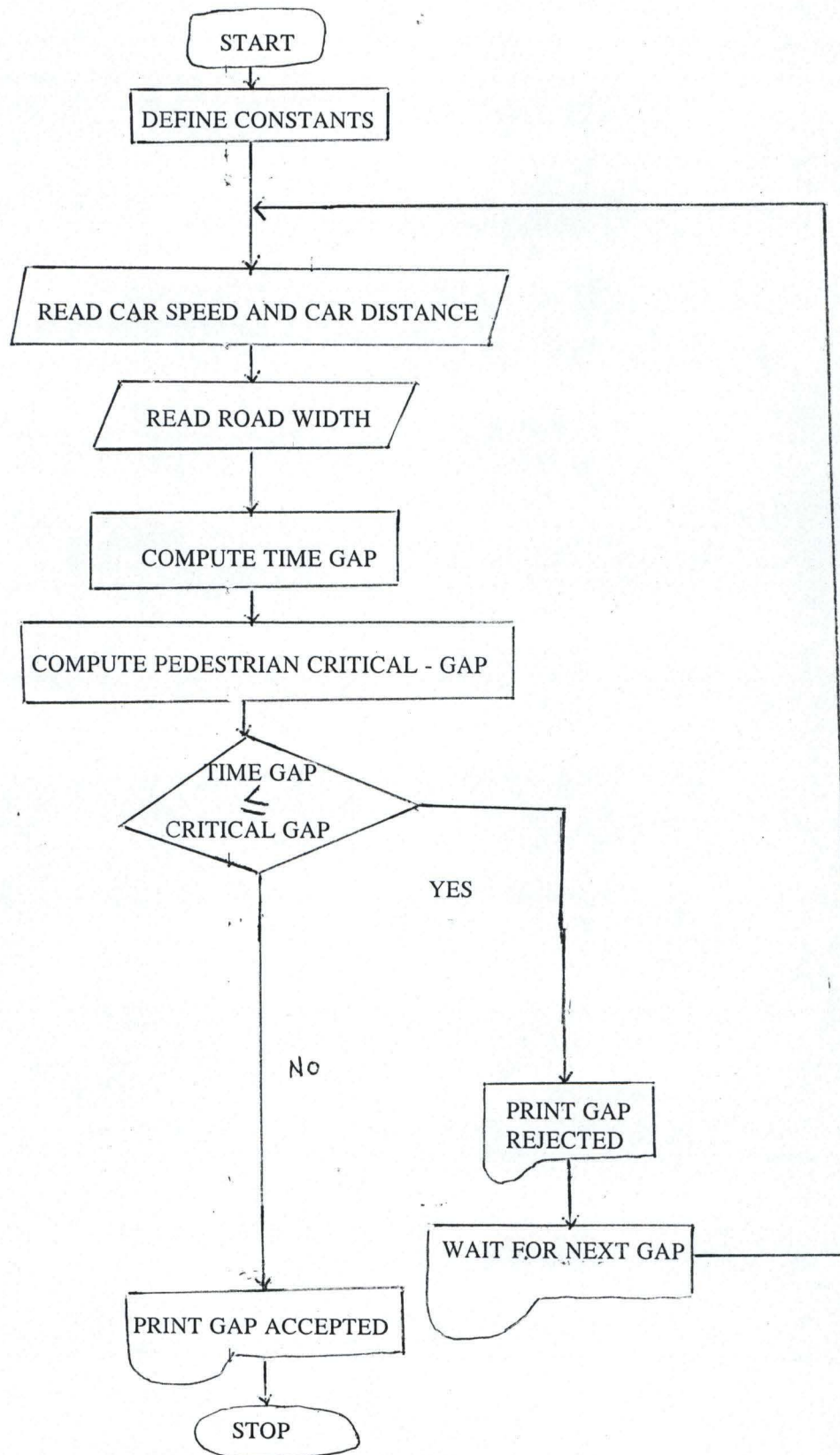
5.2 MODEL EVALUATION FLOW CHARTS

5.2.1 FLOWCHART FOR THE MAIN SUBROUTINE



5.2.2

FLOW CHART FOR THE CRITICAL-GAP SUBROUTINE



5.3 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

5.3.1 MAIN SUBROUTINE

This program evaluates the value of each model and generates the results as output for corresponding inputs. All inputs were taken in the limit of seconds so as to allow for easy computation. Variables used in this program were defined in the program. The program evaluates the following models.

(a) The Poisson Distribution Model

This model uses a function called FACT (N) which computes the factorial value for the rate of arrival per time which is considered hourly. It is given as $P(k) = \lambda^{e-k}/k!$

The final output gives the probability that a certain proportion of vehicles will arrive between certain period at given point or at intersection.

(b) The displaced exponential distribution model

The model which is given as $F(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-a)}$, $t > a$

A constant for the minimum heading between vehicle flowing at a particular rate per unit time is defined. This used to shift the exponential distribution a little to the right.

At all instance the value of t the constant a must be less than the time interval t .

However, when $a = t$ we have the exponential distribution evaluated as, $f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda}$,

$t > 0$ while the displaced exponential is as described above.

C. The mixed exponential and semipoisson distribution model

This model splitted into two parts named $F1(z)$ and $F2(z)$ representing both distributions. The combined distribution is given as:-

$F11(z) = p1. F1(z) + (1-p1). F2(z)$ which

$$\text{gives } F11(z) = \frac{p1 t^{K-1} e^{-t/\beta}}{\beta^k \Gamma(k)} + \frac{(1-p1) \lambda e^{-\lambda t} \mathcal{Z}(k, x/\beta) (1+\lambda\beta)^k}{\Gamma(k)}$$

The incomplete gamma function

$\gamma(k, x/\beta)$ was evaluated using the Maclaurine's series expansion for exponential series. This is given as: $\int_0^x e^{-t} t^{k-1} dt$ which give $\mathcal{Z}(k, x/\beta) = (1+t/\beta)^{k-1} e^{-t/\beta}$

Thus the models were evaluated and results obtained and are shown in the appendices.

5.3.2 The Critical Gap Procedure

The critical - gap or gap acceptance model given by $\Gamma(t) = \begin{cases} 0, t \leq T \\ 1, t > T \end{cases}$

was also evaluated. The results are also given in the Appendices.

5.4 SUMMARY

All results obtained from the different models evaluated, describes the following:

- the probability that a certain number of vehicles or pedestrian would arrive at some certain point at a given time.
- the probability of obtaining some particular headway at some certain time.
- whether a gap was rejected or accepted depending on the critical gap a pedestrian will allow.

5.5 APPLICATION

The acceptance model program or procedure if developed further can serve as a useful tool in road crossing equipment for both pedestrian and vehicle at crossing points, non-signalized intersections and at T-junctions.

It can also serve as an input to trigger an alarm or put on a light to tell pedestrian(s) (deaf or blind) that it is time to cross, although an additional machinery may be needed.

Beside, the result obtained from this work, can be a helpful tool for the design of roads.

5.6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Raw data should be made handy
- People should be educated (enlightened) on the proper use and observance of road signs, e.t.c..
- Measuring facilities for speed of object on motion (vehicles) should be made available for the purpose of this kind of research work (courtesy FRSC).

5.7 CONCLUSION

To evaluate models using computer capability, it is needful for such models to be expressible in terms understood (and can be manipulated by the computer). All input and output parameters should be well spelt out. This will facilitate good computation. We may safely conclude that all models that can be expressed mathematically can be evaluated and thus computed using the computer's capability. The major problems as discussed earlier may be in the interpretation of notations and parameters used i.e what each notation and parameter represents in actual values as compare to 'abstract value'.

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Appendix 1
The Program Code

'This program was designed by Mr. John Olusegun in partial fulfilment of
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'Federal University of Technology (F.U.T), Minna.
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CLS : SCREEN 0: COLOR 10, 9
LOCATE 1, 1: PRINT "....."
LOCATE 2, 1: PRINT "....."
LOCATE 3, 20: PRINT "COMPUTER EVALUATION OF SOME PEDESTRIAN"
LOCATE 4, 27: PRINT "AND TRAFFIC FLOW MODELS"
LOCATE 8, 34: PRINT "WRITTEN BY"
LOCATE 13, 33: PRINT "JOHN OLUSEGUN"
LOCATE 14, 30: PRINT "(PGD/MCS/487/97/98)"
LOCATE 17, 22: PRINT "COPYRIGHT (C),1999,F.U.T, MINNA"
LOCATE 18, 22: PRINT "SUPERVISED BY:PRINCE R.O BADMUS"
LOCATE 19, 21: PRINT "DEPARTMENT:MATHS/COMPUTER SCIENCE"
LOCATE 20, 1: PRINT "....."
LOCATE 21, 1: PRINT "....."
SLEEP (15)
' _____ OPENING SUBROUTINE STARTS HERE _____
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'The function below computes factorial value for a given N

```
DEF fnFact (n)
FACT = 1
IF n <= 0 THEN 3
FOR i = n TO 1 STEP -1
FACT = FACT * i
NEXT i
3 END
END DEF
```

CLS

'Different models programs start here

'This section declares dimensions of variables used

```
DIM PHI(500), F(500), SHI(500), LAMDA(500), LAMDA3(500)
DIM F1(500), F2(500), F11(500), P(500), MN1(500), MN2(500)
DIM MN3(500), FF(500), P1(500), R5(50), LAMDA1(500), LAMDA2(500)
```

'The A's specify Mean Distance gap between successive

'vehicles. Expo is the natural log. to base 2

A = 1: A1 = 1: A2 = .95

EXPO = 2.71828

INPUT "ENTER THE VALUE OF N FOR THE NUMBER OF ARRIVALS:", n

INPUT "ENTER THE VALUE FOR THE NUMBER OF COMPUTATION(S) TO BE
CARRIED OUT", T1

PRINT "ENTER THE VALUES FOR LAMDA,LAMDA1,LAMDA2"

PRINT "-----"

FOR j = 1 TO T1

INPUT LAMDA(j), LAMDA1(j), LAMDA2(j)

NEXT j

'MAIN MENU

CLS

LOCATE 3, 1: PRINT "1. P.D.F. FOR PEDESTRIANS ON SINGLE LANE"

LOCATE 5, 1: PRINT "2.P.D.F. FOR PEDESTRIANS ON DOUBLE LANE WITH
DIFFERENT FLOWRATES"

LOCATE 7, 1: PRINT "3. POISSON DISTRIBUTION MODEL FOR A SINGLE LANE"

LOCATE 9, 1: PRINT "4. MIXED EXPONENTIAL MODEL FOR DOUBLE LANE"

LOCATE 11, 1: PRINT "5. SEMIPOISSON AND MIXED EXPONENTIAL MODELS"

LOCATE 13, 1: PRINT "6 CRITICAL-GAP EVALUATION PROGRAM"

LOCATE 15, 1: PRINT "0. QUIT"

LOCATE 19, 1: INPUT " ENTER YOUR CHOICE (1 -> 6) AND 0 TO QUIT ==>", CH

IF CH = 1 THEN GOSUB 10:

IF CH = 2 THEN GOSUB 20

IF CH = 3 THEN GOSUB 30

IF CH = 4 THEN GOSUB 40

IF CH = 5 THEN GOSUB 50

IF CH = 6 THEN GOSUB 60

IF CH = 0 THEN SYSTEM

'COMPUTATIONS OF THE VARIOUS MODELS STARTS HERE.

10 'P.D.F. FOR PEDESTRIANS ON SINGLE LANE

CLS

FOR k = 1 TO T1

$\text{PHI}(j) = \text{LAMDA}(j) * (\text{EXPO} ^ {(-\text{LAMDA}(j) * (T1 - A))})$

$\text{MN1}(j) = (1) / (\text{LAMDA}(k) + A)$

$\text{F}(j) = \text{LAMDA}(j) * \text{EXPO} ^ {(-\text{LAMDA}(j) * T1)}$

$\text{MN2}(j) = (1) / (\text{LAMDA}(j))$

NEXT k

FOR P = 1 TO T1

PRINT "Phi(j)", "Mn1(j)", "Mn2(j)"

PRINT PHI(k), MN1(k), MN2(k)

NEXT P

END

20 ' P.D.F. FOR PEDESTRIANS ON DOUBLE LANE WITH DIFF.FLOW RATES

CLS

FOR L = 1 TO T1

$\text{SHI}(j) = ((\text{LAMDA1}(j) + \text{LAMDA2}(j) * (\text{EXPO} ^ {(-\text{LAMDA1}(j) + \text{LAMDA2}(j)) * T1})))$

$\text{MN3}(j) = 1 / (\text{LAMDA1}(j) + \text{LAMDA2}(j))$

NEXT L

FOR Q = 1 TO T1

PRINT " Shi(j)", "Mn3(j)"

PRINT SHI(j), MN3(j)


```
NEXT Q
RETURN
END
```

```
30 'COMPUTATION FOR THE POISSON DISTRIBUTION MODEL FOR A SINGLE LANE
STARTS HERE
```

```
CLS
FOR M = 1 TO T1
P(j) = (EXPO(-LAMDA(j)) * (LAMDA(j) ^ n)) / FACT(n)

PRINT "P(j)", "LAMDA3(j)", "P1(j)"
PRINT P(j), LAMDA3(j), P1(j)
NEXT M
RETURN
END
```

```
40 'COMPUTING FOR THE MIXED EXPONENTIAL MODEL FOR DOUBLE LANE
```

```
FOR n = 1 TO T1
L1 = EXPO ^ (-LAMDA1(j) * (T1 - A1))
L2 = EXPO ^ (-LAMDA2(j) * (T1 - A2))
P1(j) = (LAMDA1(j) + LAMDA2(j) * (EXPO ^ (-LAMDA1(j) + LAMDA2(j) * T1)))
FF(j) = P1(j) * LAMDA1(j) * L1 * (T1 - A1) + (1 - P1(j) * LAMDA1(j))
NEXT n
FOR R = 1 TO T1
PRINT "L1", "FF(J)"
PRINT L1, FF(j)
NEXT R
RETURN
END
```

```
50 ' SEMIPOISSON AND MIXED EXPONENTIAL MODEL COMPUTATION
```

```
CLS
INPUT "ENTER THE RANGE FOR COMPUTATION ", NN
FOR Z = 1 TO NN
BETA = 1 / Z: R4 = -T1 / BETA: R1 = EXPO ^ R4: R2 = T1 / BETA
R3 = R2 ^ (Z - 1): R6 = R3 * R1: R5(Z) = 1 + R6: R7 = BETA ^ Z
R8 = EXPO ^ (-LAMDA(Z) * T1): R9 = (1 + LAMDA(Z) * BETA) ^ Z
NEXT Z
```

```
FOR Y = 1 TO NN
```

```
'ACTUAL COMPUTATION STARTS HERE
```

```
RR1 = P(Z) * (T ^ (Z - 1)) * R1
R12 = FACT(k - 1)
RR2 = R7 * R12
RR3 = (1 - (k)) * LAMDA(k) * R8
RR4 = R5(Z) * R9
RR5 = (RR3 * R9 * R5(k)) / R12
```

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F1(Z) = RR1 / RR2
F2(Z) = F1 / RR2
F2(Z) = RR5
F11(Z) = F1(k) + F2(k)
NEXT Y
FOR W = 1 TO NN
PRINT "Z", "BETA", "F1(Z)", "F2(Z)", F11(Z); ""
PRINT Z, BETA, F1(Z), F2(Z), F11(Z)
NEXT W
RETURN
END

```

' _____CRITICAL STARTS HERE_____

60 'CRITICAL EVALUATION PROGRAM STARTS HERE

'THIS PROGRAM GIVES AN INTUTIVE TEST FOR A PEDESTRIAN'S

'DECISION ABOUT CROSSING A ROAD (A SINGLE LANE)

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SCREEN 0: CLS

'THIS SECTION DECLARE THE DIMENSIONS OF VARIABLES USED

DIM CGAP(50), T(50), T1(50), RODWDT(50), T2(50)

DIM CARSPD(50), CARDST(50), PEDDST(50), JECT(50)

'ON THE AVERAGE PEDESTRIAN SPEED RANGE BETWEEN 3.6-4FT
9APPROX.1.2M/S)

' PEDSPD -1.2

INPUT "ENTER NUMBER OF GAPS TO BE COMPUTED FOR: ", n

FOR i = 1 TO n

INPUT "ENTER DISTANCE AND SPEED OF APPRAOCHING CAR (M/S): ", CARDST(i),
CARSPED(i)

NEXT i

TI(i) = CARDST(i) / CARSPED(i)

INPUT "ENTER ROAD-WIDTH(ONE LANE) TO CROSS (3.6-4.8)", RODWDT(i)

2 IF (RODWDT(i) < 3.6) OR (RODWDT(i) > 4.8) THEN

PRINT "ROAD WITH NOT BETWEEN THE GIVEN RANGE (3.6-4.8M)"

SLEEP (5)

GOTO 2

ELSE

PRINT "WE MAY CONTINUE"

END IF

PRINT RODWDT(i)

T(i) = RODWDT(i) / PEDSPD

'JECT TAKES A VALUE OF 0 OR 1 DEPENDING ON REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE

PRINT "CAR TIME TI=", TI(i)

```
'THE INCREMENT IN T(I) BY 1.5 IS FOR SAFE CROSSING
IF TI(i) < (T(i) + 1.5) THEN
JECT(i) = 0
PRINT "GAP HAS BEEN REJECTED", JECT(i)
T2(i) = T(i) + 1.5
PRINT "WAIT FOR NEXT AVAILABLE GAP"
PRINT "CURRENT GAP IS REJECTED", JECT(i)
PRINT "WAITING FOR NEXT GAP": SLEEP (3)
GOTO 10
ELSE
JECT(i) = 1
PRINT "GAP HAS BEEN ACCEPTED ", JECT(i)
T2(i) = T(i) + 1.5
END IF
FOR j = 1 TO n
PRINT "PED-C-GAP(SEC)", "CAR-TIME", "REJECT/ACCEPT"
PRINT T2(i), TI(i), JECT(i)
NEXT j
STOP
END
```

Appendix 2

Number of Computation(s), Arrivals and the values of λ , λ_1 and λ_2

e value of N for the number of arrivals:3
e value for the number of computation(s) to be carried out:5
e values for lamda,lamda1,lamda2

any key to continue

r the value of N for the number of arrivals:3
r the value for the number of computation(s) to be carried out:5
r the values for lamda,lamda1,lamda2

1
,2
,3
,3
,1

ss any key to continue

er the value of N for the number of arrivals:3
er the value for the number of computation(s) to be carried out:5
er the values for lamda,lamda1,lamda2

,1
,2
,3
,3
,1

Appendix 3
Output for P.D.F for Pedestrians on single Lane

	Mn1(j)	Mn2(j)
5688	.5	1
0928	.3333333333	.5
18432	.25	.3333333333
5688	.5	1
8432	.25	.3333333333

Press any key to continue

(j)	Mn1(j)	Mn2(j)
8315688	.5	1
0670928	.3333333333	.5
00018432	.25	.3333333333
8315688	.5	1
00018432	.25	.3333333333

Press any key to continue

i(j)	Mn1(j)	Mn2(j)
18315688	.5	1
00670928	.3333333333	.5
000018432	.25	.3333333333
18315688	.5	1
00018432	.25	.3333333333

Appendix 4

Output for P.D.f for Pedestrians on Double Lane with Different Flow rates.

Mn3(j)

.5

.25

.1111111111

32998 .2

3908 .3333333333

Press any key to continue

(j) Mn3(j)

.5

.25

.1111111111

2.0632998 .2

20213908 .3333333333

Press any key to continue

hi(j) Mn3(j)

.5

.25

.1111111111

2.0632998 .2

20213908 .3333333333

Appendix 5
Output for Poisson Distribution Model for a Single lane.

	Lamda3(j)	P1(j)
281	2	.294665378
1287	4	.256419634
42259	6	.090322477
313281	5	.028079005
042259	3	.224042259

Press any key to continue

	Lamda3(j)	P1(j)
1313281	2	.294665378
0447287	4	.256419634
4042259	6	.090322477
1313281	5	.028079005
4042259	3	.224042259

Press any key to continue

P(j)	Lamda3(j)	P1(j)
.061313281	2	.294665378
.180447287	4	.256419634
.224042259	6	.090322477
.061313281	5	.028079005
.224042259	3	.224042259

Appendix 6
Output for the Critical Gap Evaluation Program.

er the number of gaps to be computed for:2
er distance and speed of approaching car (in m/s):5,10
er road-width (one lane) to cross (3.6-4.8):4.8
time TI=0.5
estrian Time for crossing T=4
has been rejected:0
t for next available gap
rent gap is rejected
ting for next gap

er distance and speed of approaching car (m/s):30,5
er road-width (one lane) to cross (3.6-4.8):4.8
time TI=6
estrian Time for crossing T=4
has been accepted:1

ss any key to continue

er the number of gaps to be computed for:2
er distance and speed of approaching car (in m/s):5,10
er road-width (one lane) to cross (3.6-4.8):4.8
time TI=0.5
estrian Time for crossing T=4
has been rejected:0
t for next available gap
rent gap is rejected
ting for next gap

er distance and speed of approaching car (m/s):30,5
er road-width (one lane) to cross (3.6-4.8):4.8
time TI=6
estrian Time for crossing T=4
has been accepted:1

any key to continue

the number of gaps to be computed for:2
distance and speed of approaching car (in m/s):5,10
road-width (one lane) to cross (3.6-4.8):4.8
me TI=0.5
rian Time for crossing T=4
s been rejected:0
or next available gap
t gap is rejected
g for next gap