

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

# Fundamentals of Optimal Velocity Model

- 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:  $x$
- Headway distance to the preceding:  $\Delta x$

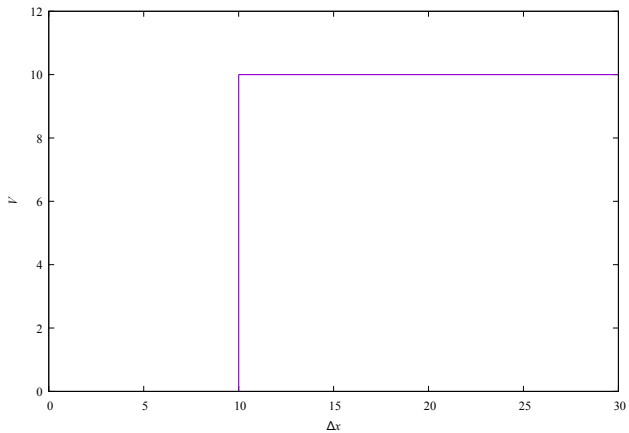
$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \alpha \left[ V_{\text{optimal}}(\Delta x) - \frac{dx}{dt} \right] \quad (1)$$

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

# Step OV Function

$$V_{\text{optimal}}(\Delta x) = \begin{cases} v_{\text{max}} & \Delta x > d \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

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





# Escape from Jam

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

$$x(t) = B + v_{\text{max}}t + Ae^{-\alpha t} \quad (3)$$

- Verify by deriving the first and second derivative

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v_{\text{max}} - \alpha Ae^{-\alpha t} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \alpha^2 Ae^{-\alpha t} \quad (5)$$

- Two cars stopping at a distance  $\Delta x_J$
- The leading car starts at  $t = 0$  because  $\Delta x > d$

$$x^P(t) = \Delta x_J + v_{\max}t - \frac{v_{\max}}{\alpha}(1 - e^{-\alpha t}) \quad (6)$$

$$x^P(0) = \Delta x_J \quad (7)$$

$$v^P(t) = v_{\max}(1 - e^{-\alpha t}) \quad (8)$$

$$v^P(0) = 0 \quad (9)$$

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

$$\Delta x_J + v_{\max}t_0 - \frac{v_{\max}}{\alpha}(1 - e^{-\alpha t_0}) = d \quad (10)$$

- Trajectory of the follower

$$x^F(t) = v_{\max}(t - t_0) - \frac{v_{\max}}{\alpha} \left(1 - e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)}\right) \quad (11)$$

$$x^F(t_0) = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$v^F(t) = v_{\max} \left(1 - e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)}\right) \quad (13)$$

$$v^F(t_0) = 0 \quad (14)$$

- Headway of the follower

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x(t) &= x^P(t) - x^F(t) \\ &= \Delta x_J + v_{\max}t_0 + \frac{v_{\max}}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t} (1 - e^{\alpha t_0}) \\ &\xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \Delta x_J + v_{\max}t_0 \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

## Catch up to Jam

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

$$x(t) = B + Ae^{-\alpha t} \quad (16)$$

- Verify by deriving the first and second derivative

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\alpha Ae^{-\alpha t} \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \alpha^2 Ae^{-\alpha t} \quad (18)$$

- Two car running at a distance  $\Delta x_F$
- The leader car starts to decelerate at  $t = 0$  because  $\Delta x < d$
- Trajectory of the leader

$$x^P(t) = \Delta x_F + \frac{v_{\max}}{\alpha} (1 - e^{-\alpha t}) \quad (19)$$

$$x^P(0) = \Delta x_F \quad (20)$$

$$v^P(t) = v_{\max} e^{-\alpha t} \quad (21)$$

$$v^P(0) = v_{\max} \quad (22)$$

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

$$x^F(t) = v_{\max}t' + \frac{v_{\max}}{\alpha} \left(1 - e^{-\alpha(t-t')}\right) \quad (23)$$

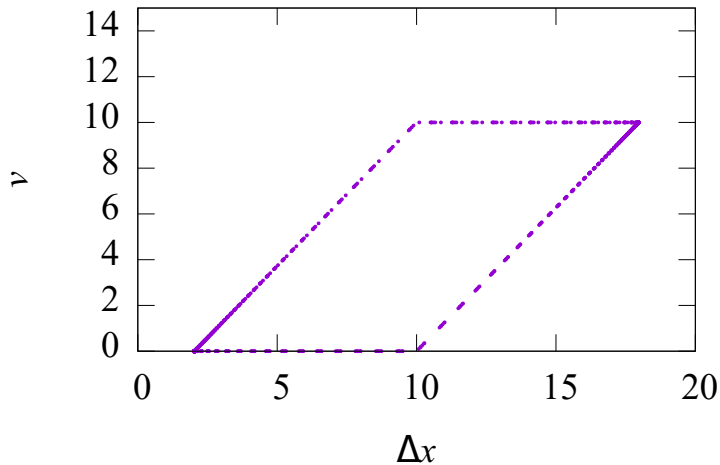
$$x^F(t') = v_{\max}t' \quad (24)$$

$$v^F(t) = v_{\max}e^{-\alpha(t-t')} \quad (25)$$

$$v^F(t') = v_{\max} \quad (26)$$

- Headway of the follower

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x &= x^P(t) - x^F(t) \\ &= \Delta x_F + \frac{v_{\max}}{\alpha} (1 - e^{-\alpha t}) - v_{\max}t' + \frac{v_{\max}}{\alpha} (1 - e^{-\alpha(t-t')}) \\ &= \Delta x_F - v_{\max}t' + \frac{v_{\max}}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t} (1 - e^{\alpha t'}) \\ &\xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} \Delta x_F - v_{\max}t' \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

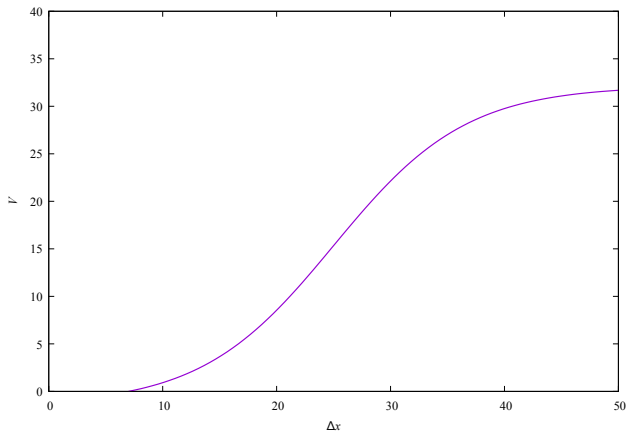


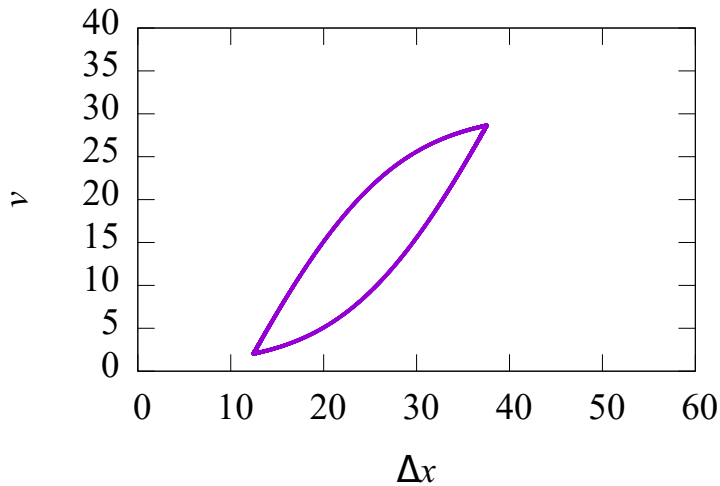
## Realistic OV Function

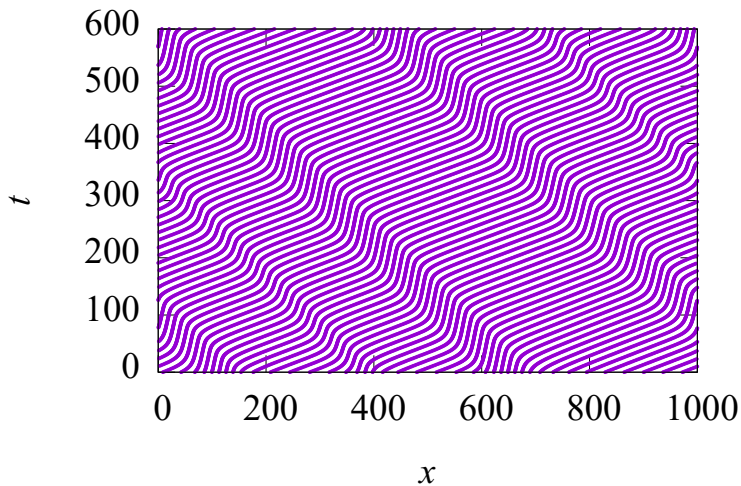
$$V_{\text{optimal}}(\Delta x) = \frac{v_{\text{max}}}{2} \left[ \tanh \left( 2 \frac{\Delta x - d}{w} \right) + c \right] \quad (28)$$

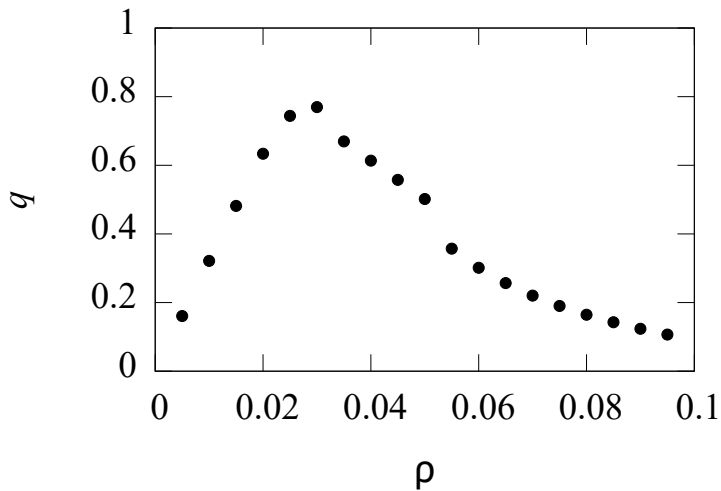
parameters	values
$v_{\text{max}}$	33.6 m/s
$d$	25 m
$w$	23.3 m
$c$	0.913
$\alpha$	2 1/s











# 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

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