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PREFACE

This is the third, in a series of four reports on Research Study 3-18-72-184, "Simulation of Traffic by a Step-Through Technique." The report describes the input requirements for a microscopic traffic simulation package called the TEXAS Model for Intersection Traffic and guides the user in applying the model for studying traffic movements at a single intersection.

The four reports which deal with the development, use, and application of the TEXAS Model are

> Research Report No. 184-1, "The TEXAS Model for Intersection Traffic - Development," Clyde E. Lee, Thomas W. Rioux, and Charlie R. Copeland.

Research Report No. 184-2, "The TEXAS Model for Intersection Traffic - Programmer's Guide," Clyde E. Lee, Thomas W. Rioux, Vivek S. Savur, and Charlie R. Copeland.

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Research Report No. 184-4, "The TEXAS Model for Intersection Traffic - Analysis of Signal Warrants and Intersection Capacity," Clyde E. Lee, Vivek S. Savur, and Glenn E. Grayson.

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Two examples of input include (a) data for the two pre-simulation processors, and (b) information needed to run the simulation processor. An example of the simulation processor output is shown to illustrate the concise and functional array of traffic performance indicators that result from the simulation, and key performance factors are discussed briefly to aid the user in interpreting results.

The appendix deals with an auxiliary headway distribution analysis processor, called DISFIT, which aids the user in selecting an appropriate headway distribution to be used by DVPRO.

The TEXAS Model for Intersection Traffic may be applied in evaluating existing or proposed intersection designs and for assessing the effects of changes in roadway geometry, driver and vehicle characteristics, flow conditions, intersection control, lane control, and signal timing plans upon traffic operations.

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SUMMARY

This report provides the user with a complete input guide to the computer simulation package called the TEXAS Model for Intersection Traffic. The stepby-step input guide leads the user through the process of encoding all required information and using the available options. Selective caution statements help steer the user away from common input errors. The report includes samples of typical input coding sheets and samples of the computer output which results from the example input.

IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT

Implementation of the TEXAS Model for Intersection Traffic is recommended to proceed in two stages in the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. First, personnel in D-18T and D-19 should cooperate with engineers in the Districts in selecting intersections for study and in running the model to produce information needed for analysis of specific problems. Copies of this report should be made available to each user of the model so that familiarization with input and output can be developed as experience is gained. In the second stage, a decision should be made about adapting the model for access from remote terminals. This phase of implementation should not be attempted until utility of the model has been confirmed in the first stage. Assistance in implementing the TEXAS Model into the SDHPT will be provided by the Center for Highway Research.

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The TEXAS (Traffic EXperimental and Analytical Simulation) Model, written in ANSI-standard FORTRAN IV computer language, is a microscopic simulator of traffic flow through an isolated street or highway intersection. It was developed under Research Study No. 3-18-72-184 as part of the Cooperative Highway Research Program of the Center for Highway Research in cooperation with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. Development of the model was undertaken using the CDC 6600/6400 computer system at The University of Texas at Austin. Subsequent adaptation was made to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation's IBM 370 computer in the Division of Automation, D-19.

Three computer programs comprise the TEXAS model.

- (1) The pre-simulation Geometry Processor takes geometric information about the intersection, computes path geometry for all intersection paths, and optionally produces a plot of the intersection.
- (2) The pre-simulation Driver Vehicle Processor takes traffic volume and other information about the traffic stream and produces a list of driver-vehicle pairs to be used in the simulation processor. Several driver types and vehicle classifications are used.
- (3) The Simulation Processor examines sequentially each drivervehicle unit in the system and, in response to surrounding traffic and to traffic control devices, forecasts its position, velocity, and acceleration into the next increment of simulation time. Each unit is thereby "stepped through" the system in small time increments. Delay, speed, and volume statistics are accumulated throughout the simulation process and reported at the end of a selected time increment.

A schematic representation of the TEXAS model is as shown in Fig 1. The remainder of this document contains input data forms, explanatory statements, and examples to guide the program user.

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Fig 1. Flow process of the TEXAS model.

CHAPTER **2.** PRE-SIMULATION PROCESSORS INPUT FORM

Both the geometry and the driver-vehicle processors use the same input form which follows. Although much of the input is self-explanatory, a guide to this input form is presented in Chapter 3.

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RIGHT JUSTIFY NUMERIC CODE LEFT JUSTIFY ALPHABETIC CODE

TITLE CARD

Approach numbers cannot be used more than once.

Number of inbound approaches $(1 \leq NIBA \leq 6)$

LIBA CARD

PARAMETERS OPTION CARD

Percent of Class 1 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 2 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 3 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 4 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 5 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 6 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 7 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 8 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 9 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 10 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 11 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 12 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 13 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 14 vehicles in traffic stream Percent of Class 15 vehicles in traffic stream

TRAFFIC MIX CARD

(Repeat B.3 as required for all lanes on this approach) (Repeat B.l - B.3 as required for all approaches)

C.1. (MANDATORY) (See page 30)

$C.2.$ (Only if $C.1$ NARCS > 0)

Radius of arc (feet) $(1 \leq \text{IARCH} \leq 1000)$

(Repeat C.2 as required)

+ number of degrees is clockwise rotation from beginning azimuth

- number of degrees is counterclockwise rotation from beginning azimuth

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D.l. (MANDATORY) (See page 30)

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$D.2.$ (Only if $D.1$ NLINES > 0)

 $(0 \leq ILY2 \leq 2250)$

(Repeat D.2 as required)

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E.2. (Only if E.1 NSDRS > 0)

(Repeat E.2 as required)

SDR CARD 2

PLOT CARD

- Path type < PRIMARY, OPTIONI > $Default = "PRIMARY"$
- Plot option < NOPLOT, PLOT, PLOTI > $Default = "PLOT"$
- Plot type < SAME, SEPARATE> $\texttt{Default} = \text{ "SEPARATE"}$
- Plot scale factors: Full approach (feet per inch)

Intersection

Maximum radius for paths $(100.00 \leq RADIUS \leq 1000.00)$ Default = 500.00

- Minimum distance between two paths for conflict to be detected $(6 \leq$ ICLOSE \leq 20) Default $= 10$
- Plot paper width (12 or 30) Default = 30

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G. (Only if Section F, Options Card, Columns 1-3 are YES) (See page 33) Driver class split for each vehicle class ($I = 1$ to NVEHCL)

Percent of drivers in Vehicle Class I Driver Class 1 $\begin{array}{c|c} \hline \end{array}$ Percent of drivers in Vehicle Class I Driver Class 2 $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|}\n\hline\n\text{11} & \text{15}\n\end{array}$ Percent of drivers in Vehicle Class I Driver Class 3 $\sqrt{\frac{16}{16}}$ Percent of drivers in Vehicle Class I Driver Class 4 $\boxed{ }$ 21 Percent of drivers in Vehicle Class I Driver Class 5

(Repeat G as required for each vehicle class)

H. (Only if Section F, Options Card, Columns 4-6 are YES) (6 cards) (See page 33)

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VEHICLE OC CARD

Operating characteristics for Class 1 vehicle

 $(50 \leq IVCHAR \leq 150)$

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ACCEL CARD

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VEHICLE RADIUS CARD

Minimum turning radius for Class 1 vehicle $(4 \leq \text{IRMIN} \leq 300)$ (ft) $(4 \leq \text{IRMIN} \leq 300)$ Minimum turning rad ius for Class 2 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 3 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 4 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 5 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 6 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 7 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 8 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 9 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 10 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 11 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 12 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 13 vehicle Minimum turning rad ius for Class 14 vehicle Minimum turning radius for Class 15 vehicle

Perception reaction time for Class 1 driver	$(0.25 \leq$ PIJR \leq 5.00)	(sec)			
					10
Perception reaction time for Class 2 driver				\bullet	
Perception reaction time for Class 3 driver					
			16		20
Perception reaction time for Class 4 driver					
					25
Perception reaction time for Class 5 driver					

PIJR CARD $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ 6 10 11 15 $\frac{16}{20}$ $\frac{1}{20}$ 21 25

1. (Only if Section F, Options Card, Columns 7-9 are YES) (See page 33) (2 cards)

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SPECIAL VEHICLE CARD

(Repeat J as desired)

CHAPTER 3. PRE-SIMULATION PROCESSORS GUIDE

The TEXAS model incorporates two pre-processor packages which are instrumental in its efficient operation. These pre-processors perform those tasks that are normally performed only once.

(1) The geometry pre-processor program takes engineering data which describes the physical geometry of the intersection approaches and the intersection area to be studied and creates input to the traffic simulator defining the approaches, the vehicle paths in the approaches, the vehicle paths within the intersection, the traffic conflicts between the different paths within the intersection, and the available sight distances between inbound approaches.

(2) The driver-vehicle pre-processor program accepts descriptive traffic parameters and provides the traffic simulator with driver-vehicle characteristics such as queue-in time, velocity, inbound approach and lane, outbound approach, length and turning radius of the vehicle, and the reaction time and attitude of the driver.

Both pre-processors use a common input data file from which the necessary information is taken. This input guide will aid in coding the input form $(i.e., the common data file).$

The input coding form has 10 sections labeled A through J. Each section contains information pertaining to a certain aspect of the intersection or driver-vehicle pair. See Fig 2 for a deck schematic.

A. There are 6 cards in this section: (MANDATORY)

- (1) Title card use the whole card for any information which you want echo-printed on the pre-processor outputs and the simulation processor output.
- (2) In column 4 the total number of inbound approaches at the intersection - maximum 6.
- (3) On this card, the identification number for each inbound approach is listed. Any arbitrary integer between 1 and 12 may be used once.

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Fig 2. Pre-simulation processors input deck schematic.

- (4) In column 4 the total number of outbound approaches at the intersection - maximum 6.
- (5) The identification number of each outbound approach. All approaches, regardless of whether they are inbound or outbound, must have different identification numbers. (Suggestion: number the inbound approaches $1, 2, 3, \ldots$ around the intersection. Continue numbering the outbound approaches around the intersection with the next available number.)
- (6) Total number of approaches = no. inbound no. outbound
	- Length of simulation time remember that under normal situations, about 2 minutes of start-up time is necessary in order to load the system.
	- The minimum headway for vehicles entering the system. If left blank, a one second headway is assumed.
	- The pre-processors have pre-programmed 10 vehicle classes (small cars, medium cars, large cars, vans, single-unit trucks, semi-trailer trucks, full trailers, recreational vehicles, buses, and sports cars) and 3 driver classes (aggressive, average, and slow). All necessary information about these classes is defaulted in the pre-processor. Only if these values are to be changed does the user need to input this information. If so, enter the number of vehicle classes and driver classes desired.
	- The percent of turning vehicles to enter the correct lane, no lane changes, at queue in time. If a turning bay, right or left, is provided, then all of the turning vehicles enter on the adjacent lane, which limits turning vehicles to one lane changing maneuver on the inbound approach.
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- B. There are "N" sets (B.l, B.2, B.3 combination) in this section, "N" being the total number of approaches.
	- B.l. The information required can be found on the following example sketch: (MANDATOR Y)

- Azimuth is measured clockwise with North as 0° . Standing at the start of the approach (inbound - away from intersection, outbound - in intersection) looking north, turn clockwise until you are looking along the approach, and the angle turned is the azimuth.
- X and Y coordinates of approach. First compute inbound approach lengths required by using the formula:

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LEN = \frac{1.4 \times VOL}{NSTL + NTBF - NLTF} \qquad , \qquad (400 \leq LEN \leq 1000).
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LEN - Approach Length Required (Round to nearest multiple of 50 feet)

VOL - Equivalent Hourly Volume

NSTL - Number of Straight Through Lanes

NTBF - Number of Turning Bays divided by 8 $(0.00 \leq \text{NTBF} \leq 0.25)$

NLTF - Number of Left Turn Fraction times 2 $(0.00 \leq NLTF \leq 0.30)$

Outbound approach lengths range from 250 feet for light volumes to 400 feet for heavy volumes. After deciding on approach lengths, set up a cartesian coordinate system with the origin located in the bottom left hand corner.

- Speeds on the inbound approaches should be obtained from speed studies.
- The available headway distributions and required parameters are shown in the following table. See Appendix for a more complete discussion of headway distributions.
- In this case, since the angle between approaches 3 and 5 is 22° , the default value of 20° for straight zone will need to be overridden on card B.I (columns 25-27). Both approaches 1 and 3 will need that value (say, 25°) specified.

TABLE 1. HEADWAY DISTRIBUTIONS

Selection of a headway distribution can be accomplished several ways. Depending on the purpose of the run, an arbitrary choice may be made. Usual practice has been to assume a shifted negative exponential (SNEGEXP) distribution, but there are indications that this is not the best distribution in many cases. Use of a supplemental program (DISFIT), developed for just this purpose, will fit all of the above distributions to a set of headways gathered by field observation and select the "best-fit." The program also gives numerical values of the required parameter for each distribution.

- B.2. One card
	- Use this section only if the user wishes to override the pre-programmed values of vehicle mix for this approach.
B.3. Lane geometry - one card for each 2 lanes in the approach.

All possible lane configurations are shown below. (MANDATORY)

Begin 1, Begin 2, End 1, and End 2 are integer values of distance from the "beginning" of the approach. (Inbound approaches end at the intersection, outbound approaches begin at the intersection.) The four conditions are:

- (1) clear lane; open at both ends;
- (2) a lane which begins at some distance down the approach; e.g., adding a left or right turn bay;
- (3) a lane which ends before the end of the approach causes merging traffic flow; dropping a lane;
- (4) a lane blocked midway down the approach.

Legal movements from each lane at the intersection are coded on this card also. The percent of approach volume entering each lane at the beginning of the approach is specified here (Inbound only).

B.3. is repeated until all lanes (median lane first) in one particular approach are exhausted; then the (B.l, B.2, B.3) combination is completed for the next approach.

- C. The geometry pre-processor plots a plan view of the intersection. Lane lines, curbs, medians, etc. will be shown, but curb returns have to be defined individually.
	- C.l. The number of curb returns to be plotted. (arcs) (MANDATORY)
	- C.2. Information required to define an arc:

D. Any lines not defined by the approaches will be inputted here. (STOP LINES, PED X-WALK \ldots)

D.1. = Number of additional lines to be plotted (MANDATORY) D.2. = X, Y coordinates of end points.

- E. Number and location of sight distance restrictions. (E.l IS MANDATORY)
- F. Card 1 - Plotting Instructions: (MANDATORY)
	- Path Type: PRIMARY = Only legal movements allowed, and no lane changing in the intersection. (PRIMARY is recommended) OPTIONI = Only legal movements allowed and vehicles may change one lane in the intersection. OPTIONI paths should not be used unless a specific case exists where the lane-change paths are necessary.
	- Plot Option: NOPLOT = Generate no plot $PLOT = Plot with ball point pen$ PLOTI = Plot with ink pen
	- Plot Type: $SAME = Plot all intersection paths on the same frame$ $SEPARATE = Plot the intersection paths from each inbound$ approach on a separate frame
- Max Radius for Paths Paths with larger radii than this will be replaced as straight line movements.
- Clearance Distance for Conflicts The distance from all other paths to the path in question is compared to a clearance distance. When this distance is violated, a path conflict is set at that position.

Card 2 - Input/Output Options: (MANDATORY)

- Input Enter YES if the user wishes to override the program supplied values of percent of drivers in each vehicle class, vehicle characteristics, and driver characteristics. The program supplied values are shown in Table 2, page 32.
- Output If the user wishes to have logout summaries (amount of delay, average speed, etc.) for any particular class (of vehicles or drivers), a YES should be entered in the correct columns. "NO" should be coded like this:

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TABLE 2. DEFAULT VALUES

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- G. One card for each vehicle class even if the driver mix will be changed in only one class, all other percentages must be defined again.
- H. One card for each section.
	- User supplied values of vehicle length
	- User supplied values of vehicle operating characteristics
	- User supplied values of vehicle deceleration
	- User supplied values of vehicle acceleration
	- User supplied values of vehicle velocity
	- User supplied values of minimum turning radius
- I. One card for each section.
	- User supplied values of driver operational factor
	- User supplied values of perception reaction time.
- J. One card for each specially entered vehicle (chronological order). (OPTIONAL)

CHAPTER 4. SIMUlATOR INPUT FORM AND GUIDE

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- (continued) A.
- Type of intersection control $(1 \leq ICONTR \leq 7)$ $1 =$ Uncontrolled $2 =$ Yield $3 =$ Less than all-way stop $4 =$ All-way stop
	- 5 = Pretimed signal
	- $6 =$ Semi-actuated signal
	- $7 = Full-activated signal$
- YES/NO for statistical summary of individual turning movements Default = $"YES"$
- YES/NO for statistical summary of each inbound approach Default = $"YES"$
- YES/NO for punched output of statistics $Default = "YES"$
- YES/NO for writing pollution tape for dispersion model Default = $"\overline{NO''}$

- Time of lead zone for conflict checking $(1.00 \leq \text{TLEAD} \leq 3.00)$ $(1.50$ recommended)
- Time of lag zone for conflict checking $(1.00 \leq \text{TLAG} \leq 3.00)$ $(2.50$ recommended)

PARAMETER CARD (cont)

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Lane control for all lanes (lanes ordered as previously in the geometry processor output)

- $1 =$ Outbound lane, or an inbound lane which ends before the intersection
- 2 = Uncontrolled
- $3 =$ Yield sign
- $4 =$ Stop sign
- $5 =$ Signal
- 6 = Signal with left turn on red
- 7 = Signal with right turn on red

LANE CONTROL CARD

B. Cam stack information (Only if Section A, Parameter Card, Column 40 is a 5, 6, or 7)

CAM STACK CARD 1

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B.1. Number of signal controller cam stack positions $(4 \leq NCAMSP \leq 72)$

> Each new set of signal indications is an additional cam stack position

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B.2. One card for each cam stack position

- Phase number in which this cam stack

position is contained
 $(1 \le TCMPH \le 8)$ $(1 \leq$ ICAMPH \leq 8)
- Time span of cam stack position (seconds)

(TCAMSP \geq 1 only if ICONTR = 5)
- The three-digit code (see following page) this defines the signal indication that faces each inbound lane shown

Inbound lanes ordered as in the geometry processor output

Every inbound lane's cam stack position must be coded (including channelized right turns and blocked lanes)

CAM STACK CARD 2

Three-Digit Signal Codes

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C. Semi-actuated controller information (Only if Section A, Parameter Card, Column 40 = 6)

PHASE CARD 1

C.l. Number of controller phases $(2 \leq \text{NPHASE} \leq 8)$

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C.2. Major street phase information

C.3. Minor street(s) phase information (2 cards - one set for each minor phase) PHASE CARD 3 2 Phase number $(2 \leq IPHASE \leq NPHASE)$ 3 7 Initial interval (sec) 1·1 $(TII \geq DT)$ <u>8</u> 12 **1** Vehicle interval (sec) $(TVI \geq DT)$ 17 13 **1** Amber clearance interval (sec) $(TCI \ge 0.0)$ 22 <u> 18</u> All-red clearance interval (sec) **1·1 I** $(TAR \ge 0.0)$ 23 28 $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|}\n\hline\n10&11\end{array}$ Maximum extension (sec) $(TMX \ge 0.0)$ 29 32 ON/OFF for skip phase switch position $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ $Default = "OFF"$ 33 36 ON/OFF for recall switch position \cdot $Default = "OFF"$ 37 40 YES/NO is this phase controlled by a minor movement controller attached to a parent phase? $Default = "NO"$ **41 44** YES/NO is this a dual left phase which will be followed on the cam stack by the two corresponding followed on the cam stack by the two corre
single left phases (i.e., $A_{\overline{xy}} \rightarrow A_{\overline{x}} \rightarrow A_y$) Default = "NO" $x_y - x_y$ y 45 48 AND/OR for the type of interconnection between the detectors on this phase (AND is a series connection, OR is a parallel connection) $Default = "OR"$ See Examples 1 and 2 on pages 51 and 52 for coding detector information. 52 \Box Number of detectors attached to this phase $(1 \leq NLD \leq 10)$ 53 56 Number of phases which can be cleared to directly from this phase $(1 \leq \text{NPHNXT} \leq 7)$

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$C.3.$ (continued)

PHASE DETECTOR CARD

List of detector numbers attached to this phase. A "NOT" connection should be coded with a minus sign (i.e., as a negative number).

If the first detector is negative, a "NOT" connection, then the remainder of the detectors must be negative; which implies an ALL-RED REST Phase. (Note: All positive connected detectors should be coded first, then the negative connected detectors should be coded.)

See Example 2, page 52, for the correct usage of the "NOT" connection.

D. Full-actuated controller information (Only if Section A, Parameter Card, Column 40 = 7)

D.l. Number of controller phases $(2 \leq \text{NPHASE} \leq 8)$

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D.2. (2 cards - one set for each controller phase)

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PHASE CARD 2 (cont)

D.2. (continued)

PHASE DETECTOR CARD

List of detector numbers attached to this phase. A "NOT" connection should be coded with a minus sign (i.e., as a negative number).

If the first detector is negative, a "NOT" connection, then the remainder of the detectors must be negative; which implies an ALL-RED REST Phase. (Note: All positive connected detectors should be coded first, then the negative connected detectors should be coded.)

See Example 2, page 52, for the correct usage of the "NOT" connection.

E. Detector location information for actuated signal (Only if Section A, Parameter Card, Column 40 equals 6 or 7)

DETECTOR CARD 1

E.l. Total number of detectors $(0 \leq NLOOPS \leq 20)$

E.2. One card for each detector

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For full-actuated and semi-actuated controllers, vehicle detectors on the approaches allow for a demand to be set on the phase to which each detector is connected. More than one detector may be connected to a phase (the "or" case).

The following example illustrates the coding for detectors required with a 2-phase controller.

Example 1. Full-actuated 2-phase controller

Phase 1 is demanded when either No. 1 or No. 2 is tripped. Phase 2 is demanded when either No. 3 or No. 4 is tripped. Section D.2 should look like this:

Example 2. Fully-skippable 5-phase. This example follows the traffic signal sequence example in the SDHPT Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, pages 111-L-30, 31 (see next two pages). As diagrammed there, phase A $(X + Y)$ is the overlap of phases A (X) and A (Y) . However, this model allows only one phase to be entered at a time; hence, the "extra phase."

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SOURCE: State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Division of Maintenance Operations, Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, vol. 2, (Austin, Texas: 1973), p. III-L-30.

NOTES:

1, Right Turn Arrows may be added on B Street.

2. Any face may be Span Wire Mounted, Mast Arm Mounted, or Mast Arm and Post Top or Bracketed as shown.

3. Not all of the changes shown may be possible, depending upon the type of Controller and Detectors, if any.

4. Faces 1 and 3 should be accompanied by sign "LEFT ON ARROW ONLY," and should have Louvers.

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MuHi·Pbase Opemtion with Channelized left Tum Lanes and Protected left Tum Phases on Major Street Approaches - Circular Greens on Street with Protected left Tum Phases

SOURCE: State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Division of Maintenance Operations, Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, vol. 2, (Austin, Texas: 1973), p. III-L-31.

Phase 1 may be entered only if detectors 1 and 2 have registered a demand on red.

Phase 2 is demanded by detector no. 2 alone. If detector no. 1 is demanded also, there is not demand for this phase; hence, an "AND NOT" connec tion.

Phase 3 is demanded by detector 1 alone. Phase 4 is demanded by detectors 3 or 4. Phase 5 is demanded by detectors 5 or 6.

The entire listing of the simulator processor input for Example 2 is shown on the following page.

For the dual left phase (Phase 1) the value of TIl + TVI must be the minimum of TII + TVI for the two separate left turn phases (Phases 2 and 3). The value of TMX for Phase 1 must also be the minimum TMX of Phases 2 and 3. The clearance intervals TCI and TAR for Phase 1 must be the maximum of the like variables of Phases 2 and 3.

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Example 3. Full-actuated 2-phase with 2 minor movement controllers. This must be modeled as a 5-phase controller with the restrictions explained below. This example is similar to Example 2 (being the same intersection with the same loop locations).

A minor movement controller leads the parent and therefore can clear only to its parent. However, an $A(X + Y)$ can gap-out to an $A(X)$ or an $A(Y)$ and then from there to its parent phase. Additionally, it must be known if this is a minor movement phase so that demand on red can be effected as soon as the minor phase is entered. This insures that the cam stack will not rest in a minor movement position but will gap-out to its parent phase.

Again, this example is similar to the signal sequence example in the SDHPT Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, pages III-L-30, 31, except that cam stack positions 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15 have been eliminated.

The entire listing of the simulator processor input for Example 3 is shown on the following page.

For a minor phase, the last phase on the list of phases which can be cleared to directly should be the parent phase associated with the minor phase.

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CHAPTER 5. CASE STUDY: 35th AND JEFFERSON STREET INTERSECTION

This intersection is located in suburban Austin at the crossing of an artery and a collector street, both experiencing medium to heavy volumes during peak periods. A pretimed two-phase signal controller is in place at the intersection, running a 60-second cycle normally and extending to an 86-second cycle during peaks.

The necessary input for the driver-vehicle processor was gathered by a traffic-survey crew. Volumes in each approach, lane occupancy, and spot speeds were measured. Headway data were gathered for analysis by the distribution fitting program, DISFIT.

Some time was spent also at the intersection gathering geometric data for the other pre-simulation processor; the geometry processor. Lane widths, azimuths of approaches, and locations of left turn bays were noted. A sketch of the intersection is shown on the following page with each approach numbered. Eight hundred feet was chosen as the length for each inbound approach, and four hundred feet for the outbound approaches. A plan view of the intersection is shown on the next page after the sketch giving the cartesian coordinates of required points. Lane widths and azimuths are also shown for each approach.

Following the photographs of the intersection, the coding form containing the input to the pre-processors is shown; then, two CalComp plots of the intersection produced by the geometry processor; then, the coding form for the card input to the simulation model. Finally, there appear some selected output from an actual simulation run.

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Sketch of the intersection.

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Plan view of the intersection.

Jefferson Street Southbound (1)

35th Street Eastbound (2)

Jefferson Street Northbound (3)

35th Street Westbound (4)

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*See Chapter 6 for an explanation of statistics ..

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***** SIMPRO TITLE - JEFFERSON STREET AT 35TH STREET *****

SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR INBOUND APPROACH 4

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APARK SIMPRO TITLE . JEFFERSON STREET AT 35TH STREET *****

SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR ALL APPROACHES

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VEHICLE-SECONDS OF SIMULATION PER TM TIME = 239,325 VEHICLE UPDATES PER TM TIME **= 239.325**

CHAPTER 6. EXPLANATION OF SIMULATION RUN STATISTICS

The model reports statistics as instructed by the user at the completion of a run. Several pages of output are generated and this chapter is presented to define Some of these statistics.

Total Delay

This is the difference between a vehicle's actual travel time through the system and the time it would have taken at the vehicle's desired speed. This type of delay cannot be measured effectively in the field and is therefore included in the output for comparison between subsequent runs.

In the model, a queue of vehicles at the intersection is recognized. In order to join a queue (or begin one), three factors must be satisfied.

- (1) The vehicle velocity must be less than 3 feet per second;
- (2) The vehicle must be less than XQDIST feet away from the vehicle ahead (or the stop line if first in lane); and
- (3) The vehicle ahead must be in a queue.

XQDIST is a variable on card 2 of the simulation input and is recommended at 30 feet $(1-1/2)$ to 2 car lengths).

Queue Delay

This delay counter is merely a count of how long a vehicle is in a queue. Once a vehicle enters a queue, it continues to accrue queue delay until it enters the intersection.

Stopped Delay

This delay is accrued only while a vehicle is in a queue. Additionally, it is incremented only when the speed of the vehicle falls below 3 feet per second.

Delay Below XX mph

For each time step in simulation that a vehicle in the system is travelling at a speed less than or equal to XX mph, a counter for this delay for that vehicle is incremented. This delay may be accrued anywhere on the inbound or outbound approach and in the intersection.

Two delay statistics appear to have about the same wording for each of the four delays, that is, AVERAGE ____ DELAY and OVERALL ____ DELAY. For example, on page 72, AVERAGE STOPPED DELAY is reported as 42.2 seconds, and OVERALL AVERAGE STOPPED DELAY is 36.5 seconds. In this case, 90 vehicles stopped for an average of 42.2 seconds each. But 3800.0 seconds \div 104 vehicles (total number of vehicles processed on approach 4) equals 36.5 seconds. Therefore:

> AVERAGE STOPPED DELAY $=$ AVERAGE STOPPED DELAY PER STOPPED VEHICLE OVERALL AVERAGE STOPPED DELAY = AVERAGE STOPPED DELAY PER VEHICLE (COUNTING

Login Speed/Desired Speed and Number of Vehicles Eliminated

These two statistics are gathered for each inbound approach and represent the ratio of actual vehicle login (entering the simulation) speed to the vehicle's desired login speed generated by DVPRO. If this ratio is not fairly high then the queue is most likely backing up to the beginning of the approach which could cause vehicles to be eliminated from the system. If either of these conditions occur, the approach lengths should be made longer and the simulation should be rerun.

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HEADWAY DISTRIBUTIONS

APPENDIX

APPENDIX. HEADWAY DISTRIBUTIONS

HEADWAY DISTRIBUTION ANALYSIS PROCESSOR INPUT FORM

A. (MANDATORY)

B. Headway (sec)

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(Repeat B for each observed headway)

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HEADWAY DISTRIBUTIONS DISCUSSION

Traditionally, when traffic simulation models have utilized a theoretical distribution of vehicle headways in traffic flow, a negative exponential, or a shifted negative exponential distribution has been specified. However, the TEXAS model allows the user to call any of seven distributions. The seven distributions which are available are (1) log normal, (2) gamma, (3) Erlang, (4) shifted negative exponential, (5) negative exponential, (6) constant, and (7) uniform.

To use distributions (1) through (4) and (7) both traffic volume information and a measure of dispersion in headways must be provided. Distributions (5) and (6) require only volume.

The following graphs illustrate the relationship between three values of the parameter (if required) for each distribution using the probability of occurrence given a mean headway of six seconds (or a traffic volume of 600 vehicles per hour). Since the "constant" distribution is really not a distribution at all, every headway will be exactly equal to the value of mean time spacing between vehicles.

If the traffic engineer has observed headway data for an intersection, the computer program DISFIT can be used as an aid in fitting the observed data with one of the distributions available in the TEXAS model. A chi-square goodness-of-fit test and a Kolmogorov-Smirnov maximum cumulative difference test provide a basis for choice of the most suitable distribution.

Based on current experience in using the TEXAS model, tenative recommendations for headway distributions follow. These are to be used only if no better information is available.

Light flow (less than 200 vph per lane): Negative exponential Medium volumes (200 - 600 vph per lane): Log normal and shifted negative exponential appear to give approximately the same results

High volumes (more than 600 vph per lane): Shifted negative exponential

Gamma probability density function.

Shifted negative exponential probability density function.

Lognormal probability density function.

Uniform probability density function.