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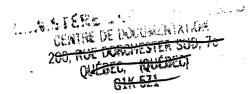
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I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this thesis was to study the longitudinal distribution of vehicles in the traffic stream. In respect of roads with small volumes of traffic, we knew that a good approach to the problem may be obtained by assuming that the traffic is fortuitously distributed and follows closely enough a quite simple probability function named Poisson distribution (3).

However, because of the nature of the Poisson formula and the way it has been derived, we had serious doubts that it would not work as well for average or relatively high traffic volumes. Since all the traffic theory regarding the longitudinal pattern of the traffic flow is based on this function, we thought that it was very worthwhile to check its accuracy at different volumes and possibly determine the conditions for which it applies.

At high volumes, the traffic is not as fortuitously distributed as in the case of low volumes since there are so many factors influencing the driver operation that we no longer have this complete randomness upon which the Poisson function is based. In these conditions, it was felt that another mathematical tool was needed which was not based on this "complete randomness". This tool should possibly work

for either the opposite extreme from randomness, which is regularity and can be nearly approached during congestion, or for the whole range of possibilities between randomness and regularity.

A. K. Erlang (5) has developed such a distribution and used it to describe telephone traffic. The Erlang distribution is "less random" than the Poisson distribution in the sense that it predicts a more regular and determined flow than the latter. Since we expected to observe a relative regularity of the traffic flow at high volumes, the Erlang function might possibly work. Furthermore, there might be such an analogy between road traffic and telephone traffic that we could possibly apply to road traffic the theory as developed in telephone by A. K. Erlang.

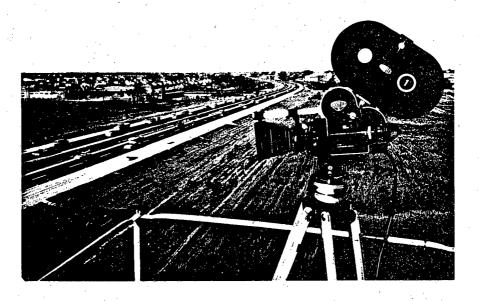
II. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

THE FIELD EQUIPMENT

The data upon which we based our calculations have been extracted from some films taken by the Dept. of Highways of Ontario in previous studies.

The camera used to take the films was an "Arriflex" 16 m.m. professional cine camera, see Fig. No. 1. Although it was equipped with wide-angle, telescopic and normal lenses, only the normal lens was used. It was also powered by a storage battery and the frame speed could be set at any given speed by a quick adjustment. A small amount of experimenting showed that a speed of eight frames per second would give the best results as far as the number of vehicles observed per length of film and the movement of a particular vehicle in any one frame are concerned.

The film spools contained approximately 400 feet of film which produced approximately thirty minutes of film without changing spools. Although it would have been desirable to have no interruptions in filming during this period, it was occasionally necessary to stop the camera to make speed adjustments. Filming was also stopped if traffic came to a stop either on the through lanes or on the deceleration lane. This stop condition contributed



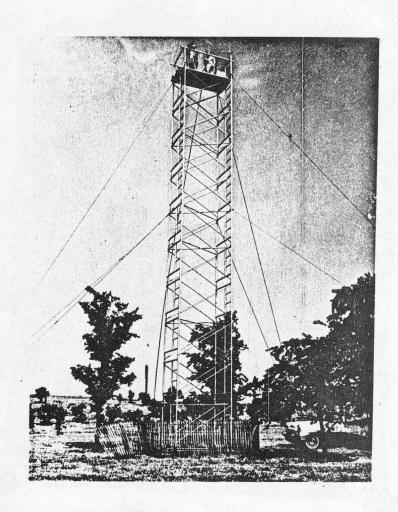
Arriflex 16 mm. camera used to obtain the data

nothing to the study and in all cases the cause was beyond the camera range and therefore of no interest in this study.

was located on a tower constructed of portable tubular steel scaffolding (Fig. No. 2). The tower was approximately fifty feet high and guys were used to minimize swaying. The distance between the tower and the nearest lane of the highway was in the vicinity of 100 feet. The tower was plainly visible to the motorists, particularly when it was manned. In order to minimize any effect on the habits of the drivers, it was in place approximately one week before any camera work was carried out. Personnel also moved around at the top of the tower during this familiarization period. As far as could be determined, the tower had no effect on the operating characteristics of the vehicles on the through lanes or on the ramp.

THE PROJECTION EQUIPMENT

The projector used for this phase of the study was a Bell and Howell 16 m.m. silent time and motion study type (see Fig. No. 3). The film could be run forward, reversed or stopped at any time. The projector was specially fitted for manual frame advancement for detailed examination of each individual frame of the film. A counter



Tower from which the films were taken

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Projector used to extract data from the films

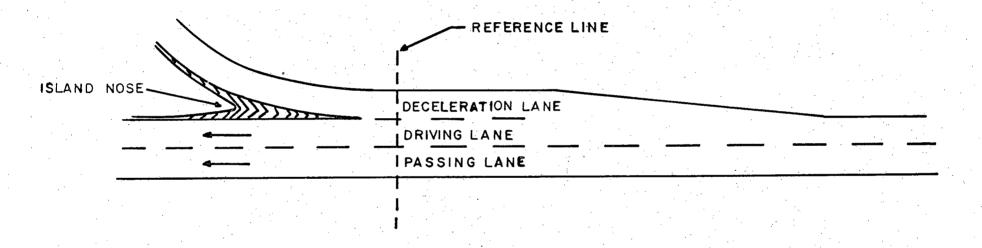
was attached to the projector for recording the number of frames which had been viewed between the passage of successive vehicles. The projector was equipped with a normal projection lens with a focal length of 2 inches and required a projector distance of about 20 feet to obtain a picture size of 4 x 3 ft.

THE STUDY LOCATIONS

Although the Dept. of Highways of Ontario had a great number of films available which had been taken in previous studies, many of them could not be used for the purpose of this work for some reason or another. the major reasons preventing their use was in most cases due to the fact that it was often extremely difficult to determine with a reasonable accuracy the precise instant when the oncoming vehicles reached a reference line drawn on the screen for the purpose of calculating the headways. Most of the films having indeed been taken at intersections for specific ramp studies, our reference line was often located so far in the field of vision as to make accurate determination of the instant that a given part of any particular vehicle crossed the line practically impossible. Another reason which prevented their use was that on many films, the field of vision was so small that it did not

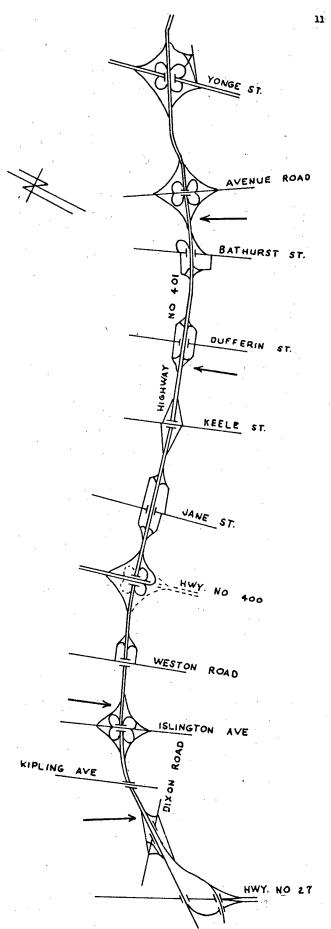
show a point approximately halfway between the beginning of the full width of the deceleration lane and the island nose, which was the location where we referenced the vehicles. Fig. No. 4 is a sketch showing the general location of the Ideally, we would have liked to reference reference line. the vehicles before they reach the taper section of the deceleration lane, but no film provided us with this In order that our data reflect the existing opportunity. conditions of the traffic flow, we had to locate our reference line before the nose of each intersection so that we take an account of the vehicles using the deceleration lane; we had to reference them also at a point far enough from the beginning of the deceleration lane so that the through traffic previously influenced by the vehicles using the deceleration lane would be given enough time to readjust their operation as if they had not been influenced by the former.

available, four films were finally selected for longitudinal movement analysis. All films show major intersections with the Highway #401, an urban freeway in the northern part of Metropolitan Toronto. Figure No. 5 is a sketch showing the study locations. To simplify the naming of the sites throughout the rest of the thesis they will be called only by the name of the street which intersects Highway #401.



SKETCH SHOWING THE GENERAL LOCATION OF THE REFERENCE LINE

FIGURE 4

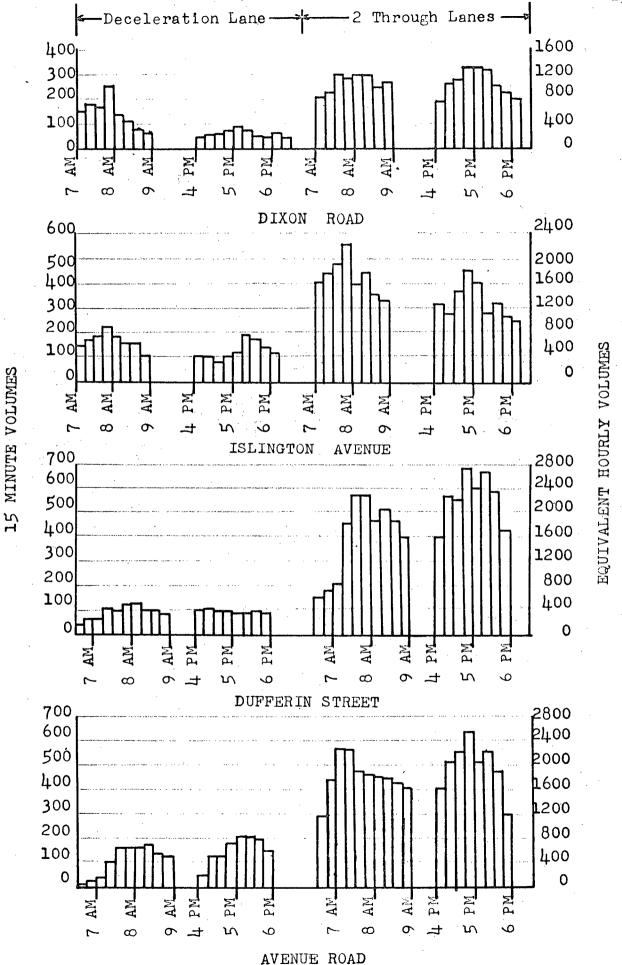


Sketch Showing The Study Locations

While each intersection has a different layout, this was not taken into consideration in our study since the longitudinal movement of vehicles which we study is not influenced by the intersection layout. Each intersection is in flat terrain and the geometric features of both the interchanges and the highway at each location have the same standard level of design so that neither the geometric design of the highway nor the physical nature of the highway have any effect on the spacing of vehicles at any particular location.

The Annual Average Daily Traffic volume at these locations as determined by the Ontario Department of Highways was reported as being between 36,000 and 67,000 vehicles per day for both directions of travel. Some typical traffic volumes taken at each location with portable automatic traffic recorders are shown in Fig. No. 6; these volumes have been recorded during one week just prior to the filming. The highway was originally designed as a rural freeway, but due to its proximity to Toronto and the large volumes of traffic, it can be classed more accurately as an urban freeway.

All the films used in this study were taken during that period of time when there was the greatest combination of through and diverging traffic. This happened from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for westbound traffic



FIGULE 6: TYPICAL TRAFFIC VOLUMES OBTAINED FROM AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDERS

on Highway #401 and from 4:30 p.m.to 5:30 p.m. for eastbound traffic. Although it might have been preferable that the films be taken at different periods of the day in order to deal with the greatest range of traffic volumes, we feel that the volumes obtained for each individual lane at each intersection provided us with a range of volumes good enough for the purpose of this thesis. Table No. 1 shows these hourly volumes projected in each case from our population samples. In other words, we think that the volumes of traffic which were analysed show enough variations so as to serve our purpose of studying the longitudinal flow pattern of traffic at different volumes.

EXTRACTION OF DATA

Our work consisted of observing at each location the headways in individual lanes and in the two combined through lanes. Although the method used was very tedious and required a considerable period of time, it was very simple. It consisted of turning the projector manually until the right front tire of a vehicle was approximately even with our screen reference line and then of recording the corresponding frame number. Knowing the camera speed, which in our case was always 8 frames per second, the headways could be simply obtained by subtracting the consecutive counter readings and then dividing by the

TABLE NO. 1
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECTED HOURLY VOLUMES (IN VPH)

LOCATION	DRIVING LANE	PASSING LANE	DECELERATION LANE	TOTAL ALL LANES
DIXON RD.	460	658	846	1964
ISLINGTON AVE.	562	1096	674	2332
DUFFERIN ST.	950	1614	328	2892
AVENUE RD.	852	1788	622	3262

camera speed, which was 8 frames per second. We followed the same method for the four study locations. At each location, we ran the film three times, first recording simultaneously the headways of both the driving and passing through lanes, secondly recording the deceleration lane headways and thirdly recording the headways for the two combined through lanes.

At first, we recorded the headways for periods of fifteen minutes, which was approximately half of the film spools, and when headways for each lane had been recorded, we automatically reran the film in its entire length, which corresponded approximately to a period of time of thirty (30) minutes; this time counting the vehicles in each lane. The next step was to project these volumes to hourly volumes by assuming a linear relation which we felt would be accurate enough since the filming having been done at peak hours, the volumes of traffic observed were so heavy and the traffic flow so regular as to assume the same regularity for the second half hour. This has proved to be true at a later stage of this thesis when we decided to reduce our samples to 200 vehicles to simplify the calculations and we found negligible differences between the volumes projected from the time corresponding to the first 200 headways and those projected from the volumes observed during the entire length of the spools. The headway sample means calculated

from both sets of data also showed negligible differences. Therefore, we have good reasons to affirm that the estimated hourly volumes projected from our sample means closely represent the existing hourly volumes at the time of filming. In any future similar type of study, we would recommend that traffic counts be taken at the time of filming so as to give an opportunity to check the estimated figures.

III. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

THE CONCEPT OF HEADWAY

The longitudinal pattern of traffic flow can best be analysed by the measurement and examination of the gaps between vehicles. But this can be done in several ways. One way is to measure the distance in feet between vehicles. Another way is to measure the distance from the beginning of one vehicle to the beginning of the next vehicle. either case, individual or average spacings between vehicles can be determined. However, from observation, it has been found that the minimum or "desirable" spacing (i.e. the distance to the vehicle ahead that the motorist accepts as a safe distance so that he will have enough time to react in case of emergency) varies as some function of the velocity at which the vehicles are travelling. Thus while a distance of 50 feet to the preceding vehicle may be acceptable at a speed of twenty five miles per hour, the motorist would no doubt prefer a greater distance if his speed is sixty miles per hour. Therefore we can see that it is not sufficient to compare the spacings of vehicles in terms of linear distances without considering also the vehicle speeds.

A more convenient method to measure these gaps is in terms of units of time rather than distance, the second being the usual unit used. The elapsed time from the passing of the front (or any other part) of a vehicle past a fixed point until the same part of the next vehicle passes the same point is termed a "headway". The examination of headways in a traffic stream does not have to be correlated with speeds since a desirable headway does not vary much with speed. The variation of desirable headway as related to variation of speed is very small and can be neglected. Another reason why the "headway" concept has to be preferred to a linear spacing concept in stream analysis is that while the latter is a direct measure of traffic density, the headway is a direct measure of the rate of traffic flow, which is easier to determine and at a lower cost than the traffic density. Therefore, this concept has been used throughout the length of this thesis.

A study conducted by O. K. Norman, of which the main results have been summarized in Figure 7-6 of Traffic Engineering by Matson, Smith and Hurd (7) suggests that a headway greater than nine (9) seconds is considered to mean that the following vehicle is operating in a free flow condition and is not influenced by the vehicle ahead. For headways smaller than nine (9) seconds, the absolute speed of the rear vehicle begins to fall rapidly to approach the

speed of the vehicle ahead, and there is a marked drop in the relative speed of the first and trailing vehicles, thus indicating that the trailing vehicles adjust their speed to the leading vehicle, and therefore that the former is operating under restricted flow conditions. The preceding vehicle is considered to exert some influence over the behaviour of the following vehicle.

Although we expected to observe in our study a great number of headways smaller than nine (9) seconds, thus losing that "complete randomness" upon which all the theory of probability and statistics is based, we decided that a statistical approach was justified since we felt that there still was left in our traffic stream a certain degree of undetermination and randomness. Furthermore, this was our main objective to find out where a statistical approach could be applied or at what point such an approach ceased to be realistic.

THE POISSON FORMULA

Previous observations have shown that the distribution of headways in a traffic stream does not display a central tendency about the mean, i.e. is not a "normal" distribution in a statistical sense. The experience has shown that most of the drivers tend to travel at headways less than average while only a few drivers exceed the

average value, usually by a much larger amount. Fig. No. 7 is a typical headway distribution curve. This suggests that the headway distribution might follow the function derived from probability laws known as the Poisson distribution. If we examine our own data for one of each type of lanes studied (see Fig. 8, 9, 10, 11), it becomes readily apparent that the resulting curves have approximately the same shape as the previous typical headway distribution. It seemed therefore reasonable to analyse in more detail our experimental observations, even if it was known that theoretical and observed results would not coincide exactly.

The Poisson distribution is given by:

$$P(x) = \frac{e^{-m} m^{x}}{x!}$$
 (1)

where P(x) = the probability of x events occurring. $x = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

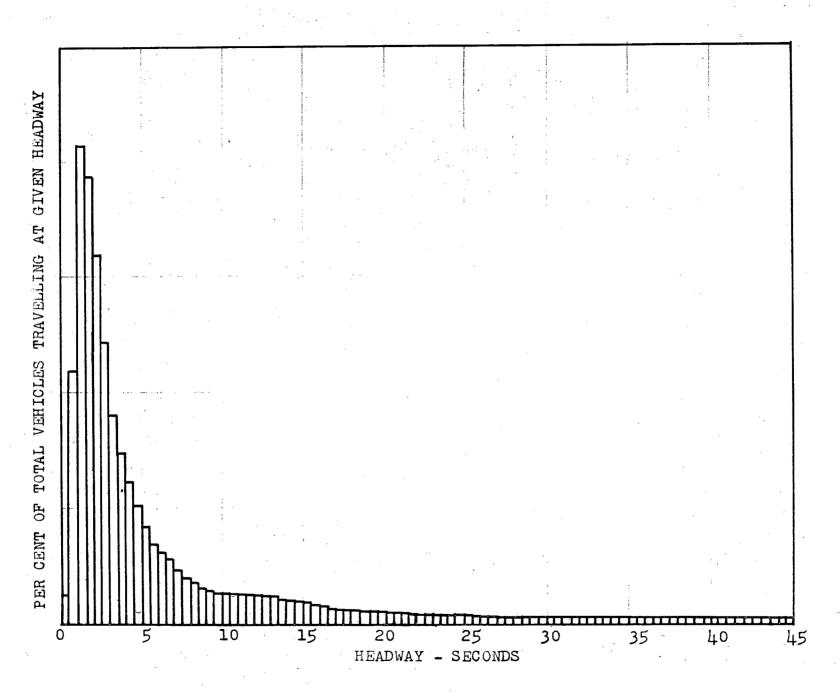
m =the expected number of events occurring on any given observation, i.e. the mean of x, ave (x) or $\overline{X} = m$.

e = the base of Naperian logarithms = 2.71828.

Applied to traffic, the definition of terms becomes:

- P(X) = probability of the arrival of x vehicles at a point during a given length of time.
 - m = mean number of vehicles arriving in the given length of time = $\frac{tV}{3600}$.

t = given time length of gap (sec.)



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FIGURE 7: A TYPICAL HEADWAY DISTRIBUTION CURVE

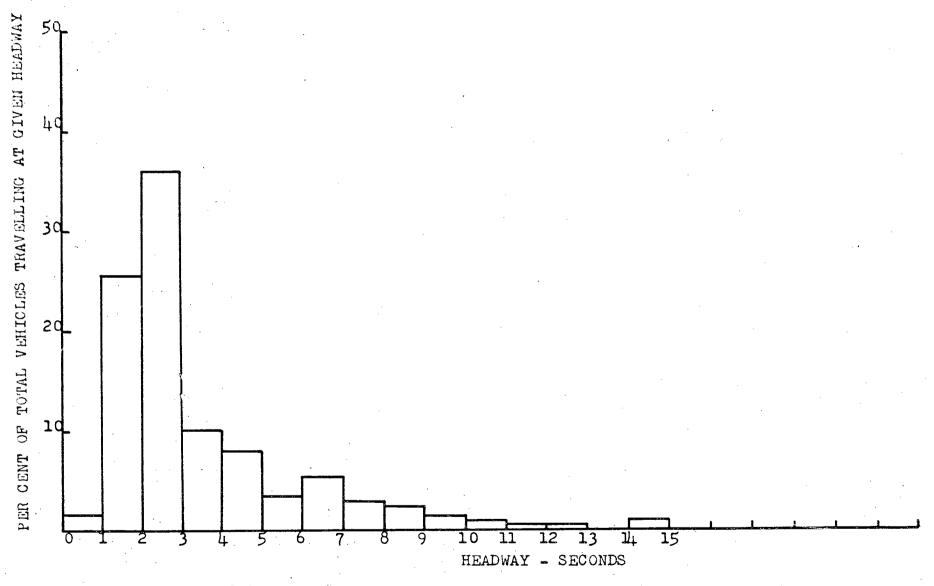


FIGURE 8: OBSERVED DISTRIBUTION OF HEADWAYS IN A DRIVING LANE (DUFFERIN STREET)

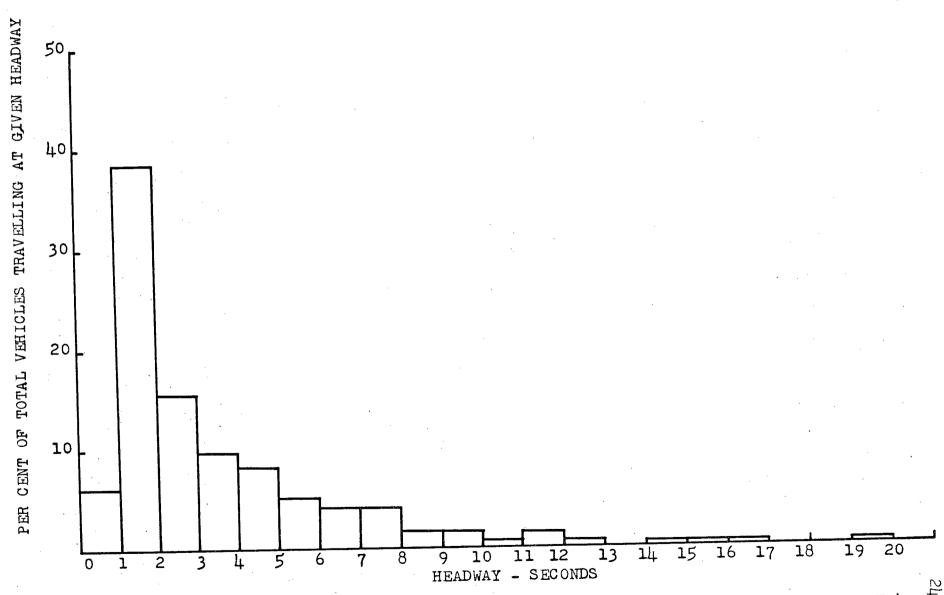


FIGURE 9: OBSERVED DISTRIBUTION OF HEADWAYS IN A PASSING LANE (ISLINGTON AVENUE)

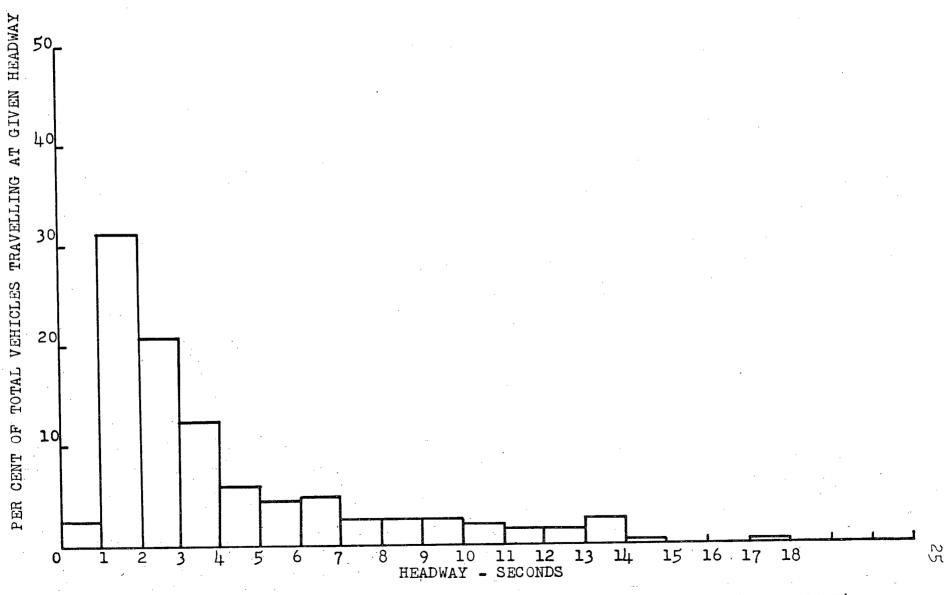


FIGURE 10: OBSERVED DISTRIBUTION OF HEADWAYS IN A DECELERATION LANE (DIXON ROAD)

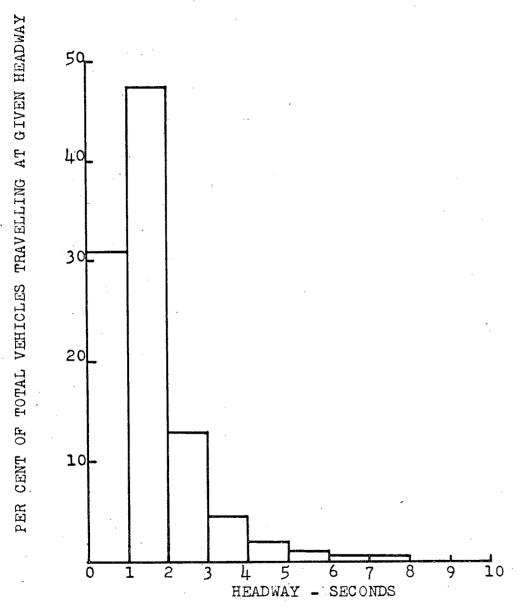


FIGURE 11: OBSERVED DISTRIBUTION OF HEADWAYS IN THROUGH LANES COMBINED (AVENUE ROAD)

V = hourly volume in VPH.

If the hourly volume is not known, $m = \frac{t}{x}$, where \overline{x} = the average of observed headways. Since a headway corresponds to a period of time during which no vehicle arrives, substituting zero (0) to x in the above formula (1) gives:

$$P(0) = \frac{e^{-m}m^{0}}{0!} = e^{-m}$$
 (2)

which may be interpreted as the probability of occurrence of headways equal to or greater than a selected time t. Following what was mentioned above, formula (2) can be written in two different ways, as follows:

$$P(t) = e^{-vt/3600}$$
 (3)

where P(t) = the probability of occurrence of a headway greater than t seconds

and V and t are defined as above;

or
$$P(t) = e^{-t/\overline{X}}$$
 (4)

where P(t), t, and \overline{x} are defined as previously.

Since the hourly volumes were not known at the time of computations, we used formula (4) rather than formula (3) but we would have obtained the same results in using the latter since the hourly volumes have been based upon the headway sample means and since (as previously

stated) the proportion between their time of observation and the hourly volume was a linear one.

SAMPLES

As previously mentioned, when we began extracting the data with the projector our samples were drawn from a film running time of approximately half a film spool or 15 The result was that our sample varied from lane minutes. to lane and from location to location, since we dealt with different volumes during the same elapsed period of time. At a later stage however we realized that using a constant sample would greatly simplify the calculations and make them Therefore, instead of drawing our sample less tedious. from a constant time of observation, we observed a constant number of cars, no matter what was the elapsed time of observation. We felt that a sample of 200 cars would be sufficient to obtain a statistically stable sample and therefore decided to analyse this sample at each location. This sample stability was well demonstrated since we obtained approximately the same hourly volumes and the same sample means when we calculated them using in all cases the two sets of samples.

SAMPLE MEANS AND VARIANCES

There were two ways to calculate the sample mean. One was to observe all headways of our samples, sum them up and then divide by the total number of observed headways, which in our case was 200. Since this method required that we knew the exact value of each headway, it was rejected since it involved a considerable amount of calculations if we consider that we had to study a total of sixteen (16) samples, each one involving two hundred (200) figures. Another one was to divide the total time of observation by the number of vehicles observed. This method, much simpler than the latter, was used. The total time of observation could be easily calculated by recording the frame number corresponding to the two hundredth (200 $^{\mathrm{TH}}$) vehicle and then dividing by the camera speed (8 frames per second). If we let Y = the frame number corresponding to the passage of the 200th car, the sample mean \bar{x} is given by:

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{\text{TOTAL TIME OF OBSERVATION}}{\text{TOTAL NUMBER OF OBSERVED VEHICLES}} = \frac{Y}{8 \times 200} = \frac{Y}{1600}$$

The sample mean \bar{x} being known for each set of data, the sample variance S^2 could easily be obtained by using the well known formula:

$$s^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{K} \frac{(x_i - \overline{x})^2 f_i}{n-1}$$

where S^2 = the sample variance

 \overline{x} = the sample mean

K = the number of cells

xi = the cell midpoints

fi = the cell frequencies

n =the total number of observations $= \sum_{i=1}^{K}$ fi = 200

HOURLY VOLUMES

The hourly volumes projected from our samples have been obtained as follows:

Hourly volume = $\frac{\text{No.of observed headways x camera speed x 3600}}{\text{Frame number corresponding to the 200th vehicle}} + 1$ $= \frac{200 \times 8 \times 3600}{Y} + 1$

As we noted earlier, we have good reasons to believe that the theoretical hourly volumes calculated by the above formula coincide closely with the actual volumes which would have been recorded, had we counted the traffic volumes during one hour at the time of the filming. Table No. 2 gives a summary of the calculated sample means, sample variances and hourly volumes for each individual lane and through lanes combined.

OBSERVED HEADWAYS

Having a mathematical tool to work with, it is now possible to examine the data obtained in the present thesis

TABLE NO. 2 SUMMARY OF CALCULATED SAMPLE MEANS (\overline{x}) , SAMPLE VARIANCES (s^2) , HOURLY VOLUMES AND $1/\overline{x}$.

LOCATION	TYPE OF LANE	SAMPLE MEAN(x)	<u>1</u>	SAMPLE VARIANCE(S ²)	HOURLY VOLUME (VHP)
DIXON ROAD	DRIVING PASSING DECELERATION	(SEC) 7.85 5.48 4.26	0.127 0.182 0.235	30.16 32.18 16.72	460 658 846
ISLINGTON AVE.	DRIVING PASSING DECELERATION	6.42 3.28 5.35	0.156 0.305 0.187	17.96 9.78 . 28.53	562 1096 674
DUFFERIN ST.	DRIVING PASSING DECELERATION	3.80 2.23 10.97	0.263 0.448 0.091	6.45 1.64 102.32	950 1614 328
AVENUE ROAD	DRIVING PASSING DECELERATION	4.23 2.01 5.80	0.236 0.498 0.172	8.97 1.88 28.43	852 1788 622
DIXON ROAD	2 THROUGH L.	3.22	0.311	7.45	1118
ISLINGTON AVE.	2 THROUGH L.	2.17	0.461	3.79	1658
DUFFERIN ST.	2 THROUGH L.	1.40	0.712	1.23	2564
AVENUE ROAD	2 THROUGH L.	1.36	0.733	1.29	2640

and see how close they fit with the theoretical Poisson distribution. In order to do this, we first calculated the theoretical Poisson curve for each set of data, using the formula $P(t) = e^{-t/x}$ in which \bar{x} had already been calculated (see Table No. 2). This was easily done with the help of Exponential Tables (9). The next step was to classify our observed headways in cells of one (1) second intervals and to tabulate the observed cumulative cell frequencies. the theoretical distribution is a 100%-cumulative frequency distribution (i.e. it gives the % of headways greater than a given value), we also tabulated the 100%-cumulative cell frequencies of the observed headways in order to plot and compare the theoretical curves with the one obtained from Tables A-1 to A-16 (in Appendix A) and Fig. B-1 to B-16 (in Appendix B) show the observed results and their corresponding curves together with the theoretical results and their corresponding curves; also included are the theoretical results and curves obtained from the Erlang distribution, used at a later stage of this thesis.

When we observe the Tables and Figures mentioned above, we notice great discrepancies between the experimental and theoretical results. We certainly cannot conclude by a mere observation of the curves a very close fit between the observed headways and the theoretical probability curves. This wasto be expected because of the nature of the Poisson

distribution (3). Being derived as a limiting form of the binomial distribution it applies only when the number of possible events is large (theoretically, infinite) and the probability of occurrence of any individual event in the time interval considered is small. An example of the kind of data which we would expect to find distributed in the Poisson form would be the number of accidents happening at a very busy intersection; or the frequency of headways of a given length on a road where the traffic volume is This is obviously not the case at our extremely small. The traffic volumes observed at the time study locations. of filming are so heavy that the probability of occurrence of a headway of any small time length is very large and the number of possible large headways is very small. reason for studying the headways on the deceleration lanes was precisely that when we began our study, we thought that these lanes would carry the small volumes for which a Poisson distribution might apply. Unfortunately, after projection of our data to hourly traffic volumes, we discovered that only one out of the four (4) deceleration lanes studied had a relatively small volume. This happened in the deceleration lane at Dufferin St., where the projected hourly volume was 328 vehicles per hour. Of all the Figures, Fig. B-9 is probably the one where we can observe the closest fit between the experimental curve and the theoretical Poisson curve. Although the two curves do not fit perfectly, they are very close to each other for headways greater than four (4) seconds. A statistical test performed at a later stage of this thesis to check the goodness of fit of the experimental and theoretical curves will show that even if the two curves above mentioned do not fit statistically, they fit much better than any other similar set of two curves at each study location. Although the statement of definite conclusions would have to be supplemented by other studies, we feel that this is an indication that the Poisson distribution may be the best model to describe the headway distribution at small volume of traffic. This also might be an indication of the volume which should be defined as a "small volume" in order that the Poisson function gives a fit.

that all curves follow approximately the same general pattern. But there are so many variations among them that we can hardly find a relation between the traffic rate of flow and the goodness of fit of the observed headway distributions with the theoretical Poisson distribution. If any trend is to be observed, it might be that in most cases (if not in all) the discrepancy between the theoretical and experimental curves tends to decrease as the headway time length "t" increases. This suggests that

the observed data might be represented better by two distributions, one for small spacings and one for large spacings. This idea of a "double distribution" was first suggested by Greenshields (2) who once obtained a good fit with a distribution for headways less than 4 seconds and another for headways of more than 4 seconds. It would therefore be interesting to check whether our data follow this kind of pattern.

As already mentioned, the Poisson function applied to the distribution of headways is of the general form $y = e^{x}$ (see eg. 2) which may be written:

 $log_e y = x.$

Thus the equation plotted on semilog-paper becomes a straight line with a negative slope since x = -m. When we plot our data on semilog-paper, we get the curves shown on the Figures C-1 to C-16 in Appendix C. It appears that the greatest discrepancies occur for large headways but this is not the case and simply due to the semi-log scale. In only 3 cases out of 16 the data were more closely fitted by two straight lines. And of these three, it will be seen later that one fits the Poisson distribution at the 2.5% level and therefore should not give a better fit with two straight lines. The fact that the combined through lanes of Dixon Road (see Figure C-13) appear to be best represented by two lines when

in fact it fits the Poisson formula is here again due to the semi-log scale. Indeed, we had to break the line for only a few points which are found in the larger headway range where we find the minimum deviations between the experimental and theoretical results but at the same time the maximum discrepancies due to the semi-log scale. In the Islington driving lane (Fig. C-4) and deceleration lane (Fig. C-6). the only cases left where we have the two straight lines pattern, the change of direction on the lines occurs at approximately 13 and 9 seconds respectively. Although the intersection of the two straight lines is very sensitive with respect to position of the two lines and these lines are only band fitted within a specified range, we do not believe that this is enough to explain the discrepancy in the "location of the breaks" of the curves which in Greenshields' study occurred at 4 seconds. From all this, it appears that the theory developed by Greenshields can hardly be generalized but is rather determined and influenced in each case by different location factors. Other studies previously done on the same subject by J. L. Vardon (11) and J. W. Wise (13) also showed great discrepancies with Greenshields' curves and therefore prove that we cannot generalize this concept of a multiple distribution, each random in its limited case, as one which would apply in all cases.

Greenshields (2) has also shown that for each plotted point there is a corresponding range of expected error or natural uncertainty caused by the fact that "unless the sample is very large there is always a difference between the sample values and those of the universe". This natural uncertainty, based on the standard deviation of the sample, is obtained from the formula:

$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-1}} \text{ fo} \left(1 - \frac{fo}{n}\right) \tag{5}$$

where n = the total number of happenings recorded

fo = the accumulated frequency.

Since in our study n was always equal to 200, the factor $\frac{n}{n-1}$ is so very close to unity that it can be neglected and the equation becomes:

$$Z = \sqrt{f \circ \left(1 - \frac{f \circ}{n}\right)}$$

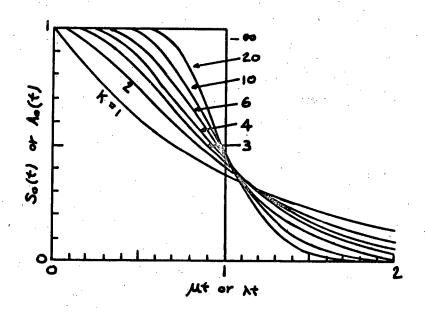
These figures have been calculated for each point and plotted in Figures C-1 to C-16. With a few exceptions for points in the (0-2) second interval, the lines drawn through the experimental points stay within the natural uncertainty range, from which we can conclude that the data can be represented by a straight line. Even in the combined through lanes of Dixon Road and the driving and deceleration lanes of Islington Avenue, where the data were fitted by two straight lines, a single line would stay very closely

within the expected range of error.

Although the best fitting curve appeared to be in most cases a single straight line, it is easily observable from the Figures C-1 to C-16 that (with the exception of Fig. C-9) the distribution is not a Poisson one. Everywhere, especially in the small headway range, we observe great variations between the two distributions and the slope of the experimental and theoretical curves are different. The fact however that the experimental data can be closely fitted on a semi-log paper by a straight line means that the model best representing them still has some exponential form, more elaborate than the Poisson model and with a different slope.

THE ERLANG DISTRIBUTION

From Tables A-1 to A-16 and Figures B-1 to B-16, we observe many discrepancies between the experimental distribution and the Poisson distribution. But a general pattern common to all cases is that in the smaller headway range the experimental curve lies somewhere well above the Poisson curve. Thus the model that we need to represent our data is one which would give greater probability values in this range of small headways. We felt that the best distribution serving this purpose is the A. K. Erlang distribution. Figure 12 shows the Erlang distribution



ERLANG ARRIVAL or SERVICE-TIME DISTRIBUTION.
Probability that the next arrival will occur
after time interval t.

for several values of the parameter K; where K=1, the distribution is the simple exponential or Poisson case. The Erlang distribution has been extensively used in telephone traffic for different purposes such as to calculate the line holding or waiting time and we felt that similarities between telephone and highway traffic in crowded situations are such that it might well be applicable to highway traffic.

NATURE OF THE ERLANG DISTRIBUTION

The Erlang distribution can be thought upon as if every oncoming vehicle had to pass through a series of exponential channels, called phases, be held in the exponential channel for a variable time and then released from the channel before the following vehicle can be accommodated. Each phase is of the exponential or Poisson type but the resulting distribution is not exponential. There is a possibility of forming any kind of distribution pattern by simply adding more and more phases. distributions, called Erlang distributions, provide a family of service-time distributions which range from the completely random exponential type to the completely regular servicetime situation. This kind of service-time distribution can be easily interpreted as applying to a freeway toll booth operation. In such a case, it is perfectly imaginable that a vehicle has to go through any number of phases that we want

before being accommodated by the toll booth facility and the following vehicle being allowed in the same booth. This is not so easily interpretable when applied to the headway distribution. It is indeed hardly imaginable that the traffic flow actually goes through such phases. Or if it does so, it is still more difficult to physically separate its operation into distinct phases. The only physical interpretation that we can think of would be to assume a traffic stream composed of two types of drivers, each type representing a different phase. One phase would include all those drivers who are always in a hurry and therefore always keep the distance between their vehicle and the leading vehicle (the headway) to a minimum. As soon as they can find in the parallel traffic lane a minimum acceptable gap, they shift lanes and overtake the leading vehicle. The other phase would be composed of all the drivers who, not being in a hurry, don't mind to have any gap length between their vehicle and the leading vehicle. These drivers are assumed to operate their vehicles as if they were not influenced at all by the operation of the other vehicles in the traffic stream. Although this interpretation may not be totally in conformity with the nature of the Erlang service-time distribution types, it is the best that we could think of. On the other hand, it was not so important to us to visualize a physical interpretation

to a mathematical model as to find a mathematical model which would best fit our experimental data. The Erlang distribution being "less random" than the Poisson distribution since it predicts fewer very short or very long intervals between arrivals, it appeared to be a mathematical model that might give a better fit to our observed headway distribution than Poisson.

The Erlang distribution is given by the formula:

$$A_{O}(t) = e^{-K\lambda t} \sum_{n=0}^{K=1} (K\lambda t)^{n} /n!$$
 (6)

where:

 $A_{O}(t)$ = the probability that no arrival occurs in time t after the previous one.

 λ = the mean rate of arrival.

K = the number of phases in the system.

n = the number of states in the system.

e = the base of Naperian Logarithms = 2.71828.

Applied to traffic, the equation (6) becomes:

$$P(t) = e^{-K\lambda t} \sum_{n=0}^{K=1} (K\lambda t)^n / n!$$
 (7)

where,

P(t) = the probability of occurrence of a headway greater than t seconds.

 $\lambda = 1/\bar{x}$, \bar{x} being the average of observed headways.

Substituting K=1 in (7) gives:

 $P(t) = e^{-t/\bar{x}}$, which is the familiar exponential or Poisson distribution (see eq. 4).

After a careful examination of the family of Erlang curves as shown in Figure 12, we felt that the Erlang distribution with two phases (or K=2) had the best chances to fit our experimental data. In order to check this, we tried to fit the experimental data of the Avenue Road driving lane with a three phase Erlang distribution (K=3); a test of goodness of fit proved that an Erlang curve with K=2 gives a better or closer fit. Then we decided to analyse the fit obtained from the latter at all study locations. Substituting K=2 in eq.(7) gives:

$$P(t) = (1 + 2 \lambda t) e^{-2\lambda t}$$
 (8)

As we had previously done for the Poisson distribution, by substituting different values to "t" in eq. (8), we obtained for all sets of data the theoretical Erlang distribution with K=2. These results and curves have been summarized in Tables A-1 to A-16 and Figures B-1 to B-16.

In all cases, as we expected, this distribution gives a much closer fit than the Poisson distribution in the smaller headway range. Then follows a transition range of headways in which we observe great discrepancies between the experimental distribution and either one of

Poisson or Erlang. In this range, we don't observe either any regularity: in some cases, Poisson gives a better fit, in other cases it is Erlang. In the larger headway range, the discrepancies between the experimental data and the theoretical Poisson or Erlang curves decrease appreciably but here again we don't observe any regularity. As for the intermediate range, the experimental distribution sometimes lies between the Poisson and Erlang distributions, sometimes getting closer to either one of them but remaining inside; sometimes it goes outside either one of them. In general however, the observed distribution tends to be closer to the Erlang distribution.

From observation of the results and curves, it does not appear that our observed data can be represented by either one of the theoretical distributions. Furthermore, if one of them is to give a fit, we can hardly determine which one it would be since, although the Erlang distribution generally lies closer to the observed data, the determination of a goodness of fit based on a simple examination of curves is usually very misleading.

TEST OF GOODNESS OF FIT

Several statistical tests of significance exist which allow us to determine with more certainty if the experimental and theoretical data coincide. The chi-square

(X²) test is the most appropriate to the present application. By definition, $X^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{K} \frac{(fo-ft)^2}{ft}$ (9)

where,

fo = the observed frequency for any class interval.

K = the number of .class intervals.

If $n = the total number of observations, then <math>f_t = n p_i$, pi being the probabilities associated with the class intervals. When we compare the statistics obtained from eq. (9) with the X² distribution with degrees of freedom V=K-Y, where Y is the number of linear restrictions imposed on the difference (fo-ft), we can test if the experimental data can be represented by any given theoretical distribution. The X² tabulated values are the maximum values which the sample statistic can assume and yet still be considered as representing that the experimental curve does not differ significantly from the theoretical curve. In other words, if the sample statistic obtained from eq. (9) is smaller. than the tabulated value at a given significance level ... there is no evidence to indicate that the experimental distribution differs from the theoretical distribution. 0n the other hand, if the sample statistic exceeds the tabulated value at the same significance level ? , we have (1-4)% of chances of being right when we affirm that the

experimental distribution differs from the theoretical data. We could also say that the probability is less than \checkmark % that the experimental and theoretical curves are the same. Common significance levels are 0.01, 0.025 and 0.05.

We can now use this test to check which one of either Poisson or Erlang distribution represents more closely our experimental data. For this purpose, we compared the experimental observed frequencies (fo) with the theoretical expected class frequencies (f $_{
m t}$) derived from both distributions. As previously stated, the expected class frequencies are obtained by multiplying the number of observed frequencies (n) by the probability (pi) associated with each class interval. Although these probabilities could have been obtained in tables in the case of the Poisson distribution, the fact that there were not such tables for the Erlang distribution lead us to decide not to use the Poisson tables but rather to use the same procedure for both distributions and calculate them directly from our results summarized in Tables A-1 to A-16. These tables give the probability of occurrence of a headway greater than a given time t, both for Poisson and Erlang distributions. The class interval probabilities (pi) which were needed for the chi-square tests could simply be obtained by subtracting successively these tabulated values. Chi-square tests of significance have been performed for all study locations, each time

comparing the observed data with both Poisson and Erlang distributions. These are shown in Tables D-1 to D-32 of Appendix D. The fact that the class interval probabilities (p;) indicated in the above Tables have four (4) figures while the probability values of Tables A-1 to A-16 from which they have been derived have only three (3) figures is simply due to rounding of the latter figures. The chisquare test results have been summarized in Table 3, from which we can make a few observations. Firstly, only three (3) out of sixteen (16) sets of experimental data gave a statistical fit. At Dufferin deceleration lane and Dixon driving lane, we get a fit with Erlang distribution at the 1% level and a fit with Poisson at the 2.5% level in the combined through lanes of Dixon Road. The traffic volumes at these locations were respectively 328, 460 and 1118 VPH. This is totally opposite to our expectations, since we always felt that the Poisson distribution had best chances to give a fit for small traffic volumes and Erlang for heavy volumes. Secondly, out of the thirteen (13) study locations remaining, most of them (11) gave a closer fit with the Erlang distribution, with only two (2) being fitted more closely by the Poisson distribution. Thirdly, the combined through lanes, with the exception of Dixon Road which gave a fit with Poisson, all fit very nearly with Erlang.

From all this we can hardly suspect the existence

TABLE NO. 3 SUMMARY OF CHI-SQUARE TEST RESULTS

DUFFERIN DECEL. 328 30.59 27.69 2.90 23.30 27.69 4.39 ERLANG*	LOCATION	TYPE OF LANE	VOLUME	STATISTICS (POISSON)	CHI-SQUARE VALUE (1%)	DIFFER- ENCE	STATISTICS (ERLANG)	CHI-SQUARE VALUE (1%)	DIFFER- ENCE	CLOSER FIT TO
DUFFERIN AVENUE RD. 2 LANES 2640 59.24 37.25 59.24 13.28 23.97 11.04 11.17 11.04 9.21 1.03 ERLANG	DIXON ISLINGTON AVENUE RD. DIXON ISLINGTON DIXON AVENUE RD. DUFFERIN ISLINGTON DUFFERIN AVENUE RD. DIXON AVENUE RD. DIXON ISLINGTON DUFFERIN	DECEL. DRIVING DRIVING DRIVING DECEL. PASSING DECEL. DRIVING DRIVING PASSING PASSING PASSING PASSING 2 LANES 2 LANES 2 LANES	460 5622 6528 6746 8452 1658 1658 1658 1658	44.77 65.39 76.50 47.13 71.61 76.60 69.21 127.39 71.81 115.69 163.70 14.95 31.12 37.25	27.69° 24.73 26.22 26.22 24.73 23.21 21.67 20.09 16.81 15.09 16.01 16.81 13.28	17.08 40.66 50.28 20.91 46.88 53.39 47.30 51.72 98.88 148.61 1.06 14.31 23.97	25.69 26.74 80.51 87.03 57.41 60.84 29.80 60.16 46.06 36.35 71.35 20.06 11.04	29.14 24.73 26.22 26.22 24.73 21.67 21.67 20.09 18.48 15.09 13.28 18.48 9.21	3.45 60.81 54.89 60.88 39.17 40.05 8.13 40.05 21.80 55.58 1.83	ERLANG * ERLANG POISSON POISSON ERLANG

NOTE: x - Fits at the 2.5% level. * - Fits at the 1% level.

of any relationship between the traffic volumes and the application of either Poisson or Erlang. It appears however that the Erlang distribution generally represents the headway distribution better than the Poisson distribution, although neither one gives an accurate representation of the actual observations.

SIMULATION BY PARALLEL ARRANGEMENT

The next step was to try another probability distribution which would fit the experimental data closer than the previous distributions. The Erlang distribution was defined for integer values of the parameter K and greater than unity. We feltthat it would be interesting to try a distribution where the value of K is smaller than unity. Such a value would correspond to a situation "beyond" Poisson, which might be called hyper-random. We felt fully justified in trying this new approach since the authors of a recently published research project (4) on the same subject declared: "there seems to be some evidence that a multi-lane freeway with very high traffic volumes might be hyper-random".

A model which gives such hyper-exponential curves is one, as in the case of the Erlang distribution, that assumes exponential channels. But unlike Erlang, where these channels were arranged in series, this one

would assume a parallel arrangement of channels (8). It is represented by the density function:

$$S_0(t) = \boldsymbol{\sigma} e^{-2\boldsymbol{\sigma}_n t} + (1-\boldsymbol{\sigma}) e^{-2(1-\boldsymbol{\sigma})nt}$$
 (10)

When applied to traffic, eq. (10) becomes:

$$P(t) = \mathbf{G}e^{-\frac{2\mathbf{G}}{x}t} + (1+\mathbf{G}) e^{-2(1-\mathbf{G})} t/x$$
 (11)

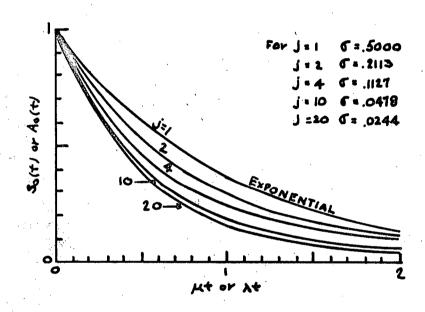
where P(t) and \overline{x} have been defined in other sections of this thesis and 0**Low**.

Our procedure was first to determine the parameter σ , which was given by the equation of the second degree:

$$s^2 = \overline{x}^2 \left[1 + \frac{(1-2\sigma)^2}{2\sigma(1-\sigma)} \right] = j \overline{x}^2$$
 (12)

where j equals the expression in the brackets. $(j \ge 1)$ and $s^2 =$ the sample variance. Then, having determined σ , we could calculate P(t) from eq. (11), for different values of t. When looking at the curve patterns of eq.(10) which are shown in Figure 13, we had good reasons to believe that some of our set of data, especially when the observed distribution lies for a great part below the Poisson curve, would assume a similar type of distribution with different σ and j values.

When we solved eq.(12) by substituting the \overline{x} 's and s^2 's values of all sets of data, we obtained imaginary roots for f in all cases but one, and it was in the passing lane



FAMILY OF ARRIVAL DISTRIBUTIONS CORRESPONDING TO A PARALLEL ARRANGEMENT OF EXPONENTIAL CHANNELS.

of Dixon Road. The resulting equation was $4.07\sigma^2 - 4.07\sigma + 1 = 0$, whose solution gives $\sigma = 0.462$. Since $s^2 = j \bar{x}^2$, $32.18 = (5.48)^2$ j, from which j = 1.07. Thus the theoretical distribution at the passing lane of Dixon Road would be an hyper-exponential one but located very close to the exponential or Poisson curve. This agrees with the results obtained when performing the chi-square In this case we had found out a closer relation tests. with Poisson than with Erlang but not a statistical fit. The only other case where Poisson gave a closer fit than Erlang was in the deceleration lane of Avenue Road. Logically, we would have expected here a fit with an hyperexponential curve, although less than at Dixon Road since the discrepancies in the small headway range are larger. The fact that we did not obtain any real equation for σ in this case would indicate that the experimental distribution is better represented by a theoretical distribution located somewhere between Poisson and Erlang. We feel that the same conclusion could be applied to all cases where we did not obtain a fit with either Poisson or Erlang but where Erlang gave a closer fit. Although we did not compare our data with an Erlang distribution with K=3, we believe that the best fitting distribution is of the Erlang type with a K value between 1 and 2.

RELATION OF PARAMETER K TO VOLUME

Since the Erlang type of distribution appeared to us as a model susceptible to represent our experimental data, the next logical step was to find out if there is a linear correlation between the K values and the traffic volumes. If we could find such a correlation, we possibly could try to fit our data with a Gamma function which is an Erlang type distribution but has the advantage to work for any value of K. The coefficient of variation of K was $1/\sqrt{K}$ and was equal to the sample standard deviation divided by the sample mean. Thus

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{K}} = \frac{s}{x}$$
, from which we get:

$$K = \frac{\overline{x}^2}{s^2} \tag{13}$$

The K values were first calculated for all individual lanes and plotted against the traffic volumes. Immediately it was obvious that the large amount of scatter ruled out a perfect relationship. The data was then analysed statistically to see if there was any linear relationship at all. The square of the correlation coefficient for pairs of measurements was calculated since this value would be a measure of the linear dependence of one set of values on the other. The traffic volumes were designated as Xi while corresponding values of K were designated as Yi. 12 pairs of measurements

were suitable for analysis.

Then the square of the correlation coefficient (r_{Xy}^2) is given by:

$$r_{xy}^{2} = \frac{\left[n\sum_{i}y_{i} - \sum_{i}\sum_{j}y_{i}\right]^{2}}{\left[n\sum_{i}(x_{i}^{2}) - (\sum_{i}x_{i})^{2}\right]\left[n\sum_{i}(y_{i}^{2}) - (\sum_{j}y_{i})^{2}\right]}$$
(14)

In the present case,

n = 12;
$$\sum x_i = 10,450$$
; $\sum y_i = 20.23$; $\sum x_i y_i = 19,323.78$
 $\sum (x_i)^2 = 11,256,428$; $\sum (y_i)^2 = 39.28$; $(\sum x_i)^2 = 109,202,500$; $(\sum y_i)^2 = 409.25$.

Substituting these values in eq.(14) gave $r^2xy = 0.261$, therefore the K factor is only 26.1% linearly dependent upon the volume of traffic.

The above test was then repeated using values for the combined through lanes. In this case,

$$n = 4; \Sigma x_i = 7980; \Sigma y_i = 5.65; \Sigma x_i y_i = 11461.90;$$

 $\Sigma (x_i)^2 = 17,542,584; \Sigma (y_i)^2 = 8.04; (\Sigma x_i)^2 = 63,680,400;$
 $(\Sigma y_i)^2 = 31.92; r^2 xy = 0.371.$

Then, in the case of the combined through lanes, the K factor is only 37.1% linearly dependent upon the volume. The only conclusion to be drawn from these figures would be that the K factor assumes a slightly more linear dependence upon the volume when we consider the traffic stream as a whole rather than when we consider each individual lane.

Although the values of 26.1% and 37.1% are quite low, it was felt that a "best" straight line should be

determined in any case. This line is calculated by the method of least squares and has the form:

$$y - \overline{y} = b_{y \cdot x} (x - \overline{x})$$

where \overline{x} and \overline{y} are the means of the x's and the y's, and,

$$b_{y.x} = \frac{n \sum x_{i}y_{i} - (\sum x_{i}) (\sum y_{i})}{n \sum (x_{i})^{2} - (\sum x_{i})^{2}}$$
(15)

In the case of individual lanes,

$$\bar{x} = 10.450 = 870.83;$$
 $\bar{y} = 20.23 = 1.69$

and for the combined through lanes,

$$\bar{x} = \frac{7980}{4} = 1995;$$
 $\bar{y} = \frac{5.65}{4} = 1.41$

Substituting these values of \overline{x} and \overline{y} and the above values for $n, \sum x_i, \sum y_i, \sum x_i y_i, \sum (x_i)^2$, $(\sum x_i)^2$ in eq.(15), we respectively obtained:

$$b_{y.x} = 0.00079;$$
 and $b_{y.x} = 0.00012.$

Thus, the "best" straight lines for each individual lane and the combined through lanes are respectively:

$$y - 1.69 = 0.00079 (x - 870.83)$$
 (line A)

$$y - 1.41 = 0.00012 (x - 1995)$$
 (line B)

These lines have been plotted in Figures 14 and 15.

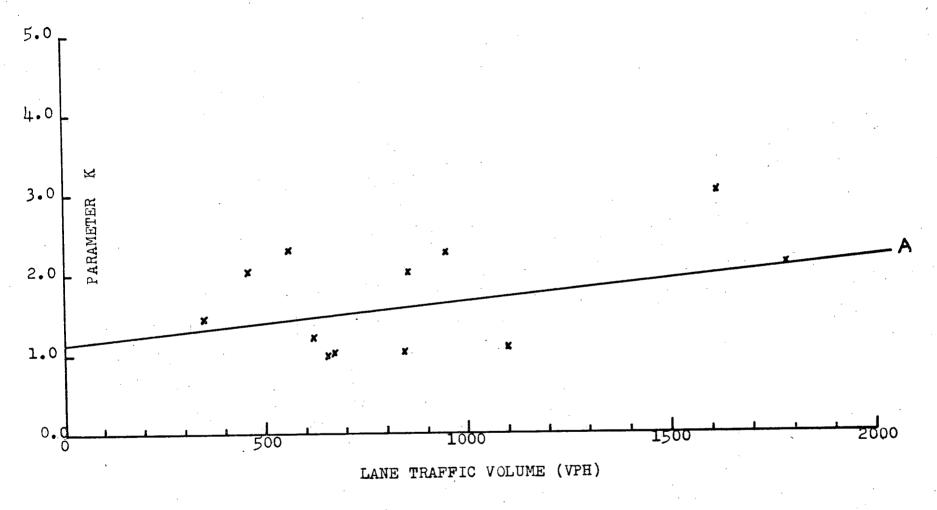


FIGURE 14: INFLUENCE OF LANE VOLUME ON PARAMETER K

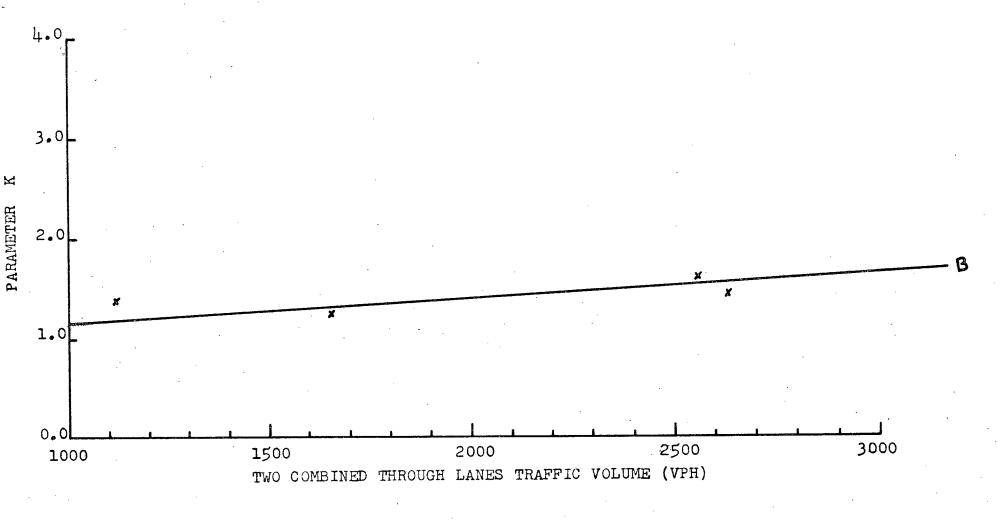


FIGURE 15: INFLUENCE OF TOTAL VOLUME OF COMBINED THROUGH LANES ON PARAMETER K

It should be emphasized that these two straight lines are not necessarily the best curves to fit the data but are merely the best "fitting" straight lines. We know from the values of the correlation coefficients that there is a very small linear relationship between the parameter K and the traffic volume. The true relationship is certainly a more elaborate one and would be represented by an equation of a higher degree. It was not felt however to be worthwhile to find out this true mathematical relationship since this would lead to a theory too elaborate for practical application. For all practical purposes, especially if accuracy is not required, we believe that these lines are reliable enough to show which value of K corresponding to a given volume should be used when working with a Gamma function.

RELATION OF PARAMETER K TO TYPE OF LANE

From what we have seen, we know that the relation-ship between the K values and the volumes of traffic is not a simple one. Let's now reclassify these K values, but this time in relation to the type of lane and the study location. Table 4 shows such a classification.

TABLE 4

CLASSIFICATION OF K VALUES IN RELATION TO

TYPES OF LANE AND STUDY LOCATIONS

TYPE OF		STUDY LOCA	TION		TOTAL
LANE	Dufferin	Dixon Rd.	Avenue Rd.	Islington	
Decelera- tion	1.18	1.09	1.18	1.00	4.45
Driving	2.24	2.04	1.99	2.30	8.57
Passing	3.03	0.93	2.15	1.10	7.21
TOTAL	6.45	4.06	5.32	。 4.40	20.23

From observation of the above table, there appears to exist a relationship between the parameter K and the type of lane. We notice thatall values of K are close to unity for the deceleration lanes, and close to 2 for the driving lane; we observe no regularity in the case of the passing lanes. However, it is not certain that the type of lane is the only influencing factor. It is also possible that these values could have been influenced by the study location itself. The best way to determine the interaction of these factors was to carry out a well known statistical procedure, the analysis of variance.

Since the method of performing an analysis of variance can be found in every textbook of Statistics, it was not felt necessary to explain it here. A summary of this table is included, however, as well as the computations

leading to our results. Table 5 shows the table used to analyse our data and the results are summarized in Table 6.

TABLE 5

GENERAL ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE TABLE.
TWO-WAY CLASSIFICATION WITH INTERACTION.

Source of Estimate	Sum of Squares S. of S.	Degrees of Freedom(D.F.)	Mean Square M.S.
MEAN	T2 N	1	. ,
BETWEEN ROWS	$\sum \frac{\mathbf{T.^2}_{\mathbf{n}j} - \mathbf{T^2}}{\mathbf{n}_{\mathbf{j}}}$	n ₁ - 1	S.of S./ni-l
BETWEEN COLUMNS	$\sum_{\substack{\text{Ti.}^2 \\ \text{ni}}} - \frac{\text{T.}^2}{\text{N}}$	nj - 1	S.of S./nj-l
INTERACTION	$\sum x_{ij}^2 - \sum_{nj}^{2} - \sum_{nj}^{2}$	(n _i -1)(n _j -1)	S.of S./(ni-1)(nj-1)
	$\sum \frac{T_{i} \cdot 2}{n_{i}} + \frac{T_{\cdot \cdot} \cdot 2}{N}$		
TOTAL	$\sum_{ij} x_{ij}^2$	N = ninj	

where $X_{i,j}$ = the observations classified in n_i rows and n_j columns; $N = n_i n_j$; $T.j = \sum_{i,j} X_{i,j}$; $Ti. = \sum_{i,j} X_{i,j}$; $T.. = \sum_{i,j} X_{i,j}$; In our case (see Table 52), $n_i = 3$; $n_j = 4$; N = 12; $\sum_{i,j} X^2 = (1.18)^2 + \dots + (1.10)^2 = 39.27;$ $\frac{T.^2}{N} = \frac{(20.23)^2}{12} = 34.10; \sum_{i,j} \frac{T.^2}{n_j} = \frac{(4.45)^2}{4} + \frac{(8.57)^2}{4} + \frac{(7.21)^2}{4}$ $= 36.31; \sum_{i,j} \frac{T_{i,j}}{n_i} = \frac{(6.45)^2}{3} + \frac{(4.06)^2}{3} + \frac{(5.32)^2}{3} + \frac{(4.40)^2}{3}$ = 35.24.

Thus the variation due to the type of lane = 36.31 - 34.10 = 2.21; the variation due to the study location = 35.24 - 34.10 = 1.14; the interaction = 39.27 - (34.10 + 2.21 + 1.14) = 1.82.

We can now set up the following analysis of variance table:

TABLE 6

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE TABLE.
ALL THREE TYPES OF LANE INCLUDED.

SOURCE OF ESTIMATE	SUM OF SQUARE S. of S.	D.F.	MEAN SQUARE M.S.
Mean	34.10	1	
Between Types of Lane	2.21	2	2.21 ÷ 2 = 1.05
Between Study Locations	1.14	3	1.14 ÷ 3 = 0.38
Interaction	1.82	6.	1.82 + 6 = 0.303
Total	39.27	12	

The above results allow us to carry out a few tests of significance:

Let's check the hypothesis that the study location does not affect the factor K at the 5% level.

From our table, $\frac{0.38}{0.303} = 1.26$

From the F-distribution, F(3.6, 0.05) = 4.76Since 1.26 \angle 4.76, this means that the test is not Thus the study location does not affect the K factor at the 5% level. This conclusion is very satisfactorily accepted since if the opposite had been true, it would have indicated that our results are simply due to chance and not conclusive in any way.

2. Let's now check the hypothesis that the type of lane does not affect the factor K at the 5% level.

From our table, $\frac{1.105}{0.303} = 3.64$

From the F-distribution, F(2,6,0.05) = 5.14

Since 3.64 < 5.14, this means that the test is not significant and therefore the type of lane does not affect the K factor. In other words, the obtained results give no evidence of a relationship between the type of lane and the value of K. It need not be emphasized that this is a very disappointing conclusion since such a relationship had appeared strongly possible from observation of the results. We believe that the fact that the test did not turn significant can be explained by either one of the following causes: the number of observations was insufficient, thus providing no solid ground for a statistical analysis; or, what is more probable, the discrepancies between the K values of the passing lanes are so great that they may cause the test not to be significant. Although the first cause was quite possible and certainly cannot be eliminated,

we felt that it was beyond the scope of this thesis to investigate it. The second cause could be simply checked by analysing the variance of the data for the driving and deceleration lanes, thus excluding the passing lanes where the greatest variations in the value of K were found. An analysis of variance was then carried out for the data of Table 7:

TABLE 7

CLASSIFICATION OF K VALUES IN RELATION TO STUDY LOCATIONS AND TWO TYPES OF LANE ONLY

TYPE OF	STUDY LOCATION				
LANE	Dufferin	Dixon Rd.	Avenue Rd.	Islington	
Decelera- tion	1.18	1.09	1.18	1.00	4.45
Driving	2.24	2.04	1.99	2.30	8.57
Total	3.42	3.13	3.17	3.30	13.02

In this case,
$$n_i = 2$$
; $n_j = 4$; $N = 8$;
$$\sum_{i,j}^{2} X_{i,j} = (1.18)^2 + \dots + (2.30)^2 = 23.40$$
;
$$\frac{T \cdot \cdot^2}{N} = \frac{(13.02)^2}{8}$$

$$= 21.19$$
;
$$\sum_{i,j}^{2} \frac{T \cdot \cdot^2}{n_j} = \frac{(4.45)^2}{4} + \frac{(8.57)^2}{4} = 23.31$$
;
$$\sum_{i,j}^{2} \frac{T \cdot \cdot^2}{n_i} = \frac{(3.42)^2}{2} + \frac{(3.13)^2}{2} + \frac{(3.17)^2}{2} + \frac{(3.30)^2}{2} = 21.22$$
;

The variation due to type of lane = 23.31 - 21.19 = 2.12; the variation due to study location = 21.22 - 21.19 = 0.03; From this, the following analysis of variance table (Table

.8) was set up:

TABLE 8

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE TABLE.
PASSING LANE EXCLUDED.

SOURCE OF ESTIMATE	SUM OF SQUARE S. of S.	D.F.	MEAN SQUARE
Mean	21.19	l	
Between Types of Lane	2.12	1	2.12÷1 = 2.12
Between Study Locations	0.03	3	0.03÷3 = 0.01
Interaction	0.06	3	$0.06 \div 3 = 0.02$
Total	23.40	8	

We can now verify the same hypotheses as previously:

1. Hypothesis: the study location does not affect the parameter K at the 5% level.

From our table, $\frac{0.01}{0.02} = 0.5$

From the F-distribution, F(3,3,0.05) = 9.28

Since $0.5 \ll 9.28$, the test is not significant. Therefore there is definitely no evidence to indicate that the study location affects the value of K.

2. Hypothesis: the type of lane does not affect the parameter K at the 5% level.

From our table, $\frac{2.12}{0.02} = 106$

From the F-distribution, $F_{(1,3,0.05)} = 10.13$ Since $106 \gg 10.13$, the type of lane is revealed as a highly significant effect. This is a very interesting conclusion that we had expected when we first observed Table 4 and suspected a trend between the type of lane and the factor K.

According to this, the headway distribution of an urban freeway would be theoretically represented by different distributions when we consider each lane separately. The deceleration lane headways would be best represented by an Erlang distribution with K=1, which is the Exponential or Poisson distribution; in the driving lane, a good theoretical model would be an Erlang distribution with K=2; finally, the passing lane assumes so many variations that a specific Erlang curve does not apply in all cases but any one of the family could apply in individual cases. conclusions coincide well enough with what had already been obtained when performing the chi-square tests to compare the goodness of fit of Erlang (K=2) and Poisson distributions to our experimental data. These tests had first indicated a better fit with Erlang (K=2) than with Poisson in all driving lanes. In one occasion (Dixon Road), there was a statistical fit and one was very close (Islington). However, there is partial disagreement when we come to the deceleration lanes. Indeed, only one out

of four deceleration lanes (it was at Avenue Rd.) had given a closer fit with Poisson when checking with the chi-square test. Two had showed a closer fit and one had given a statistical fit with Erlang (K=2), although in this last case a fit with Poisson was very close, the difference between the chi-square statistics and the tabulated value being as small as 2.90. These discrepancies are not easily explained but we think that the conclusions drawn from the analysis of variance table are much more reliable than those suggested by the chi-square tests. While the analysis of variance gives a positive evidence when it is significant, a significant chi-square test only provided us with a negative and indirect evidence if we consider the criteria that we used to decide which one of Erlang (K=2) or Poisson distribution best represented our experimental data. criteria was based upon the minimum difference between the statistic obtained when fitting our data to either one of Poisson or Erlang and some tabulated values. This will be best illustrated by the following example: In the Islington deceleration lane, the inference that Erlang (K=2) gives a better fit than Poisson was based upon the fact that the difference between the statistic derived from Erlang (57.41) and the chi-square tabulated value (24.73) is smaller than the corresponding values (71.61 and 24.73 respectively) obtained when fitting our data to Poisson. We believe that

such an inference still provides evidence but rather negative as compared with the evidence provided by an analysis of variance table. Since the closer fit to Erlang has also been decided according to the same criteria in the case of the Dixon Road deceleration lane, there is really only one case where the conclusions drawn from the analysis of variance table and the chi-square method basically disagree. happens in the Dufferin deceleration lane for which a chisquare test provided significant for Poisson and not significant for Erlang (K=2). Here the previous attemptS to explain the apparent contradiction between the conclusions inferred by both statistical methods do not hold since, being not significant, the chi-square test provides us with a positive evidence that we cannot attenuate. Although the difference between the statistic obtained when fitting our data to Poisson and the tabulated value is very small (2.90), the test with Poisson is not significant and therefore, even if this gives ground to infer that Poisson nearly gives a fit, the conclusion suggested by the non-significant test is much more positive and must be the one accepted.

Thus, with the exception of this last case, the apparent discrepancies between the trends suggested by the analysis of variance and chi-square methods are not serious and can be partly explained. Therefore, we have good reasons to affirm that there is a relationship between the

value of the parameter K and the individual lanes of an urban freeway, as demonstrated by the previous analysis of variance. It has also been suggested to apply Poisson in the case of a deceleration lane and Erlang (K=2) in the case of a driving lane. It should be emphasized however that they are not necessarily the distributions which will give the best fit in all individual cases. The best fitting distribution would be one with a value of K calculated in each case from the experimental data. For all practical purposes however, we believe that the distributions with K=1 and K=2 should give the best overall fit when applied to deceleration and driving lanes respectively.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

This study has attempted to investigate the distribution of headways on Highway 401, an urban freeway. The statistical approach was an attempt tomake the analysis general enough so that the results could have application to other locations. It is hoped that the observed headway distributions on Highway 401 and their statistical analysis can be extended and applied to the longitudinal flow pattern of any urban freeway. The inferences drawn from our study should certainly be supplemented by more data, but nevertheless they do establish a foundation for further investigation.

The analysis performed in this thesis suggested the following conclusions:

- 1. The photographic method, although it is accurate and perhaps the most useful tool in a comprehensive study of the traffic flow, is very tedious when extracting the data from the films. Another method might be used more advantageously when studying only the longitudinal traffic flow characteristics.
- 2. The headway distribution of an urban freeway shows many discrepancies with the Poisson and Erlang (K=2) probability distributions. However, the Erlang distribution

generally gives a closer statistical fit to observed data than Poisson and should therefore be preferred to the latter to describe the pattern of arrivals on a 4-lane urban freeway. For all practical purposes, calculations based on an Erlang (K=2) distribution are mostly in the safe side and certainly more accurate than when based on a Poisson distribution. Our present traffic theory actually based on Poisson would undoubtedly gain in accuracy if it was modified and based on Erlang (K=2).

- 3. The Erlang distribution fits the observed distribution of headways most closely when such a distribution is considered for the combined through lanes rather than for each lane taken individually.
- the traffic volume and the parameter K of the Erlang distribution is very small. This probability appears to increase when the traffic lanes are considered in combination instead of individually. The assumption of a linear relationship however is very useful and could be advantageously used when great accuracy is not required. A Gamma function should then be used, the value of the parameter K being taken from either one of the Fig. 14 or 15.
- 5. An interesting result is that there appears to exist a correlation between the type of lane and the parameter K. Accordingly, an Erlang distribution with K=2

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would generally apply to the headway distribution in the driving lane and an Erlang distribution with K=1 (or Poisson) would apply to the deceleration lane. This was expected in the latter case since the vehicles diverging in the deceleration lane are likely drawn at random from the main through traffic stream, thus suggesting the use of the Poisson distribution. The fact that Poisson did not give a fit in this case could be explained by the fact that we don't have a "complete randomness" since the diverging vehicles were influenced by the through traffic stream before performing their diverging manoeuver.

- 6. The "two straight lines theory" as suggested by Greenshields (2) did not apply to Highway 401. It would therefore appear that his theory cannot be generalized to all conditions, or should certainly be modified.
- 7. A model of hyper-exponential distribution has been tried but proved unsuccessful to fit the observed data. It is felt however that further investigation with a different model could turn out more successful and should therefore be carried out.
- 8. A statistical model, by nature, is a mathematical formula which intends to describe some observed data with the greatest accuracy possible. It is therefore impossible that it fits perfectly the data, otherwise it becomes a physical law based on certainty and can no longer be called

TABLE A-9

OBSERVED AND EXPECTED DISTRIBUTIONS OF HEADWAYS. DECELERATION LANE - DUFFERIN

INTERVAL	FREQUENCY (fo)	CUMULAT IV E FREQUENCY	CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY	% OF HEADWAYS GREATER THAN THE CLASS INTER- VAL UPPER LIMIT SHOWN	
(SEC)			100%	Theo- retical Poiss on	Theo- retical Erlang (K=2)
0.0-0.9	1	1	99.4	91.3	98.5
1.0-1.9	13	14	91.9	83.4	94.8
2.0-2.9	15	. 29	83.2	76.1	89.6
3.0-3.9	21	50	71.1	69.5	83.5
4.0-4.9	8	58	66.5	63.4	76.9
5.0-5.9	13	71	59.0	57.9	70.2
6.0-6.9	10	81	53.2	52.9	63.6
7.0-7.9	6	87	49.7	48.3	57•3
8.0-8.9	12	99	42.8	44.1	51.3
9.0-9.9	6.	105	39•3	40.3	45.7
10.0-10.9	7	112	35•3	36.8	40.6
11.0-11.9	8	120	30.6	33.6	35.9
12.0-12.9	4	124	28.3	30.6	31.6
13.0-13.9	5	129	25.4	28.0	27.8
14.0-14.9	7	136 -	21.4	25.5	24.3
> 15.0	37	173	0.0	-	-
	N=173				

TABLE A-10 OBSERVED AND EXPECTED DISTRIBUTIONS
OF HEADWAYS.
DRIVING LANE - AVENUE ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL	OBSERVED FREQUENCY	CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY	CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY	% OF HEADWAYS GREATER THAN THE CLASS INTER- VAL UPPER LIMIT SHOWN	
(SEC)	(fo)		100%	Theo- retical Poisson	Theo- retical Erlang (K=2)
0.0-0.9	3	3	98.5	79.0	91.2
1.0-1.9	49	52	74.0	62 . 4	75.6
2.0-2.9	43	95	52.5	49.3	58.6
3.0-3.9	28	123	38.5	38.9	43.7
4.0-4.9	21	144	28.0	30.7	31.7
5.0-5.9	11	155	22.5	24.3	22.6
6.0-6.9	15	170	15.0	19.2	15.8
7.0-7.9	12	182	9.0	15.1	10.9
8.0-8.9	5	187	6.5	12.0	7.5
9.0-9.9	4	191	4.5	9.4	5.1
10.0-10.9	1	192	4.0	7.5	3.5
11.0-11.9	2	194	3.0	5.9	2.3
12.0-12.9	0	194	3.0	4.6	1.6
13.0-13.9	2	196	2.0	3.7	1.0
14.0-14.9	2	198	1.0	2.9	0.7
15.0-15.9	1	199	0.5	2.3	0.4
16.0-16.9	1	200	0.0	1.8	0.3
	N=200				

TABLE A-11
OBSERVED AND EXPECTED DISTRIBUTIONS
OF HEADWAYS.
PASSING LANE - AVENUE ROAD

CLA SS INTERVAL	OBSERVED FREQUENCY	CUMULATIV E FREQUENCY	CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY	% OF HEADWAYS GREATER THAN THE CLASS INTER- VAL UPPER LIMIT SHOWN	
(SEC)	(fo)		100%	Theo- retical Poisson	Theo- retical Erlang (K=2)
0.0-0.9	14	14	93.0	60.8	73.7
1.0-1.9	116	130	35.0	36.9	40.8
2.0-2.9	43	173	13.5	22.5	20.1
3.0-3.9	14	187	6.5	13.6	9•3
4.0-4.9	6	193	3.5	8.3	4.1
5.0-5.9	2	195	2.5	5.0	1.7
6.0-6.9	. 2	197	1.5	3.1	0.7
7.0-7.9	2	199	0.5	1.9	0.3
8.0-8.9	0	199	0.5	1.1	0.1
9.0-9.9	0	199 ;	0.5	0.7	0.05
10.0-10.9	0	199	0.5	0.4	0.02
11.0-11.9	0	199	0.5	0.3	0.009
12.0-12.9	1	200	0.0	0.2	0.003
	N=200				

TABLE A-12

OBSERVED AND EXPECTED DISTRIBUTIONS
OF HEADWAYS.

DECELERATION LANE - AVENUE ROAD

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CLA INTE (SE	RVAL	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	CUMULATIVE FREQUEN CY	CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY 100%	% OF HEA GREATER THE CLAS VAL UPPE SHOT Theo- retical Poisson	THAN S INTER- R LIMIT
0.0	-0.9	l	1	99•5	84.2	95.3
1.0	-1.9	50	51	74.5	70.9	84.8
2.0	-2.9	35	86	57.0	59.7	72.4
3.0	-3.9	28	77/	43.0	50.3	60.0
4.0	-4.9	11	125	37.5	42.3	48.7
5.0	-5.9	20	145	27.5	35.6	38.9
6.0	-6.9	7	152	24.0	30.0	30.7
7.0	-7.9	11	163	19.5	25.3	23.9
8.0	-8.9	5	168	16.0	21.3	18.5
9.0	-9.9	3	171	14.5	17.9	14.3
10.0	- 10.9	4	175	12.5	15.1	10.9
11.0	-11.9	2	177	11.5	12.7	8.3
12.0	- 12.9	4	181	9.5	10.7	6.2
13.0	- 13 . 9	2	183	8.5	9.0	4.7
14.0	-14.9	3	186	7.0	7.6	3.5
>	15	14	200	0.0	_	_
	•	N=500				

TABLE A-13

OBSERVED AND EXPECTED DISTRIBUTIONS
OF HEADWAYS.

COMBINED THROUGH LANES - DIXON ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	CUMULATIVE FREQUEN CY	CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY 100%	retical	HAN INTER- LIMIT
0.0-0.9	47	47	76.5	73.3	87.1
1.0-1.9	59	106	47.0	53.7	64.7
2.0-2.9	29	135	32.5	39.3	44-3
3.0-3.9	15	150	25.0	28.8	29.0
4.0-4.9	13	163	18.5	21.1	18.3
5.0-5.9	10	173	13.5	15.5	11.4
6.0-6.9	5	178	11.0	11.3	6.9
7.0-7.9	5	183	8.5	8.3	4.1
8.0-8.9	9	192	4.0	6.1	2.4
9.0-9.9	3	1.95	2.5	4.5	1.4
10.0-10.9	2	197	1.5	3.3	0.9
11.0-11.9	2	199	0.5	2.4	0.5
12.0-12.9	0	199	0.5	1.8	0.3
13.0-13.9	1	200	0.0	1.3	0.2
	N=200				

TABLE A-14

OBSERVED AND EXPECTED DISTRIBUTIONS
OF HEADWAYS.

COMBINED THROUGH LANES - ISLINGTON AVE.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY	CUMULATIVE FREQUEN CY 100%	% OF HEA GREATER THE CLAS VAL UPPE SHO Theo- retical Poisson	THAN S INTER- R LIMIT
0.0-0.9	1414	44	78.0	63.1	76.4
1.0-1.9	75	119	40.5	39.8	45.0
2.0-2.9	33	152	214.0	25.1	23.7
3.0-3.9	18	170	15.0	15.8	11.7
4.0-4.9	9	179	10.5	10.0	5.6
5.0-5.9	9	188	6.0	6.3	2.9
6.0-6.9	6	194	3.0	4.0	1.2
7.0-7.9	1	195	2.5	2.5	0.5
8.0-8.9	. 2	197	1.5	1.6	0.2
9.0-9.9	2	199	0.5	1.0	0.1
10.0-10.9	. 0	199	0.5	0.6	0.04
11.0-11.9	1	200	0.0	0.4	0.02
	N=200				

TABLE A-15

OBSERVED AND EXPECTED DISTRIBUTIONS
OF HEADWAYS.

COMBINED THROUGH LANES - DUFFERIN STREET

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CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY	CUMULAT IVE FREQUENCY 100%	,	R LIMIT
0.0-0.9	61	61	69.5	49.1	58.4
1.0-1.9	87	148	26.0	24.1	22.3
2.0-2.9	33	181	9•5	11.8	7.4
3.0-3.9	14	195	2.5	5.8	2.2
4.0-4.9	3	198	1.0	2.8	0.7
5.0-5.9	1	199	0.5	1.4	0.2
6.0-6.9	0	199	0.5	0.7	0.05
7.0-7.9	0	199	0.5	0.3	0.01
8.0-8.9	1	200	0.0	0.2	0.004
	N=200				

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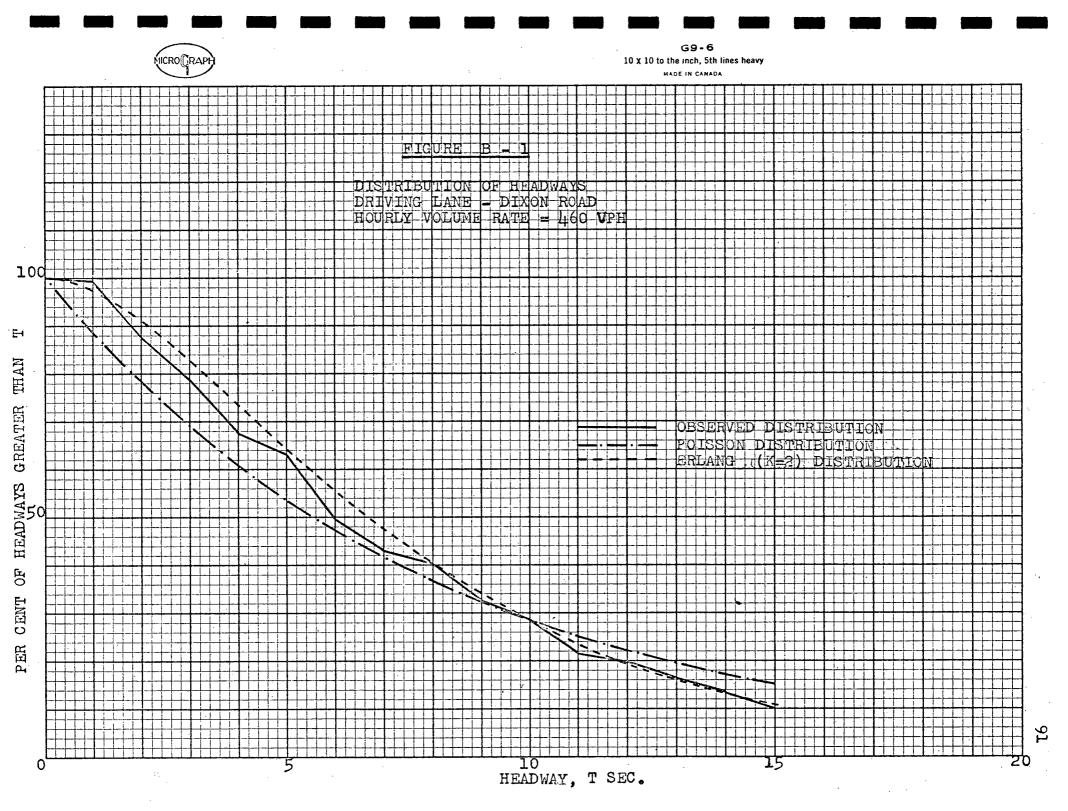
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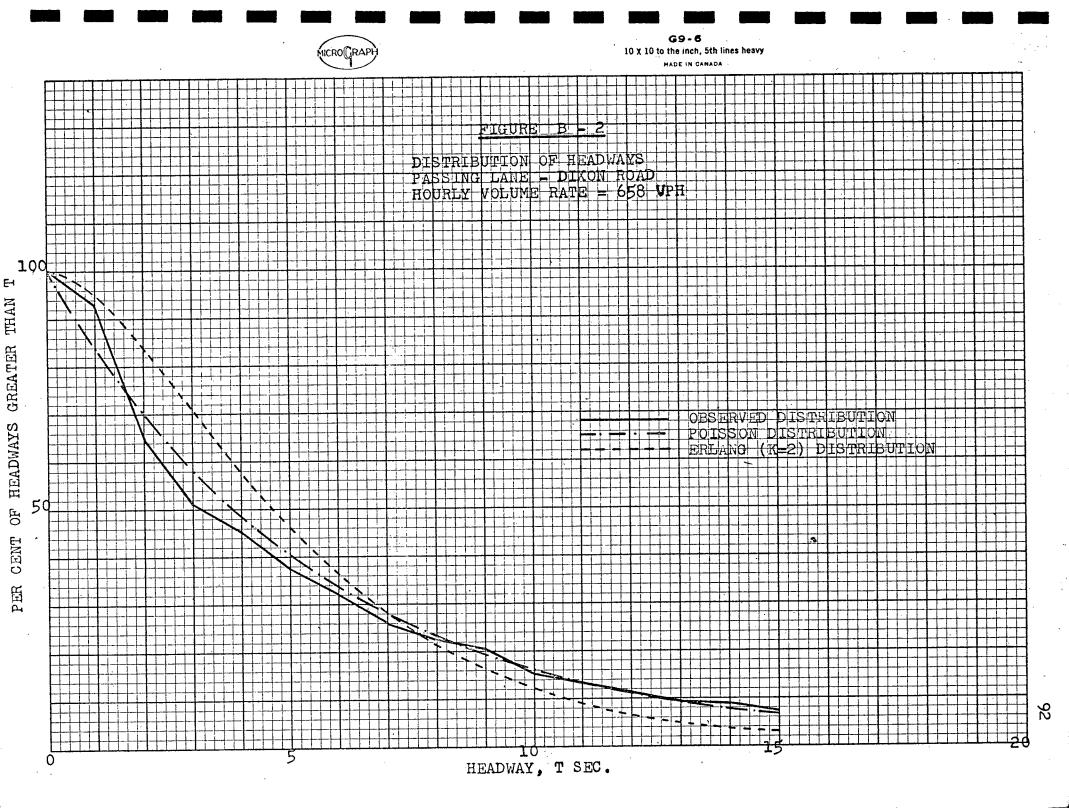
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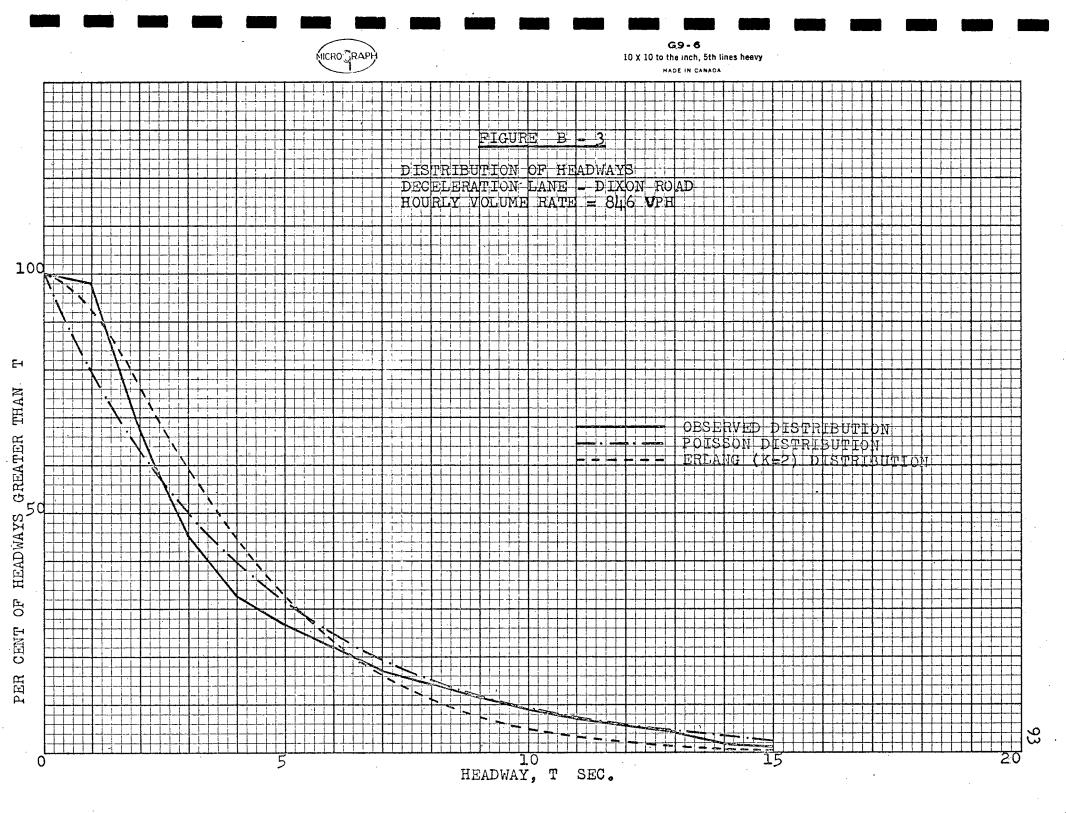
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0.0-0.9	62	62	69.0	48.1	56.9
1.0-1.9	95	157	21.5	23.1	21.0
2.0-2.9	26	183	8.5	11.1	6.6
3.0-3.9	9	192	4.0	5.3	1.9
4.0-4.9	4	196	2.0	2.6	0.6
5.0-5.9	2	198	1.0	1.2	0.2
6.0-6.9	1	199	0.5	0.6	0.05
7.0-7.9	1 N=200	200	0.0	0.3	0.01

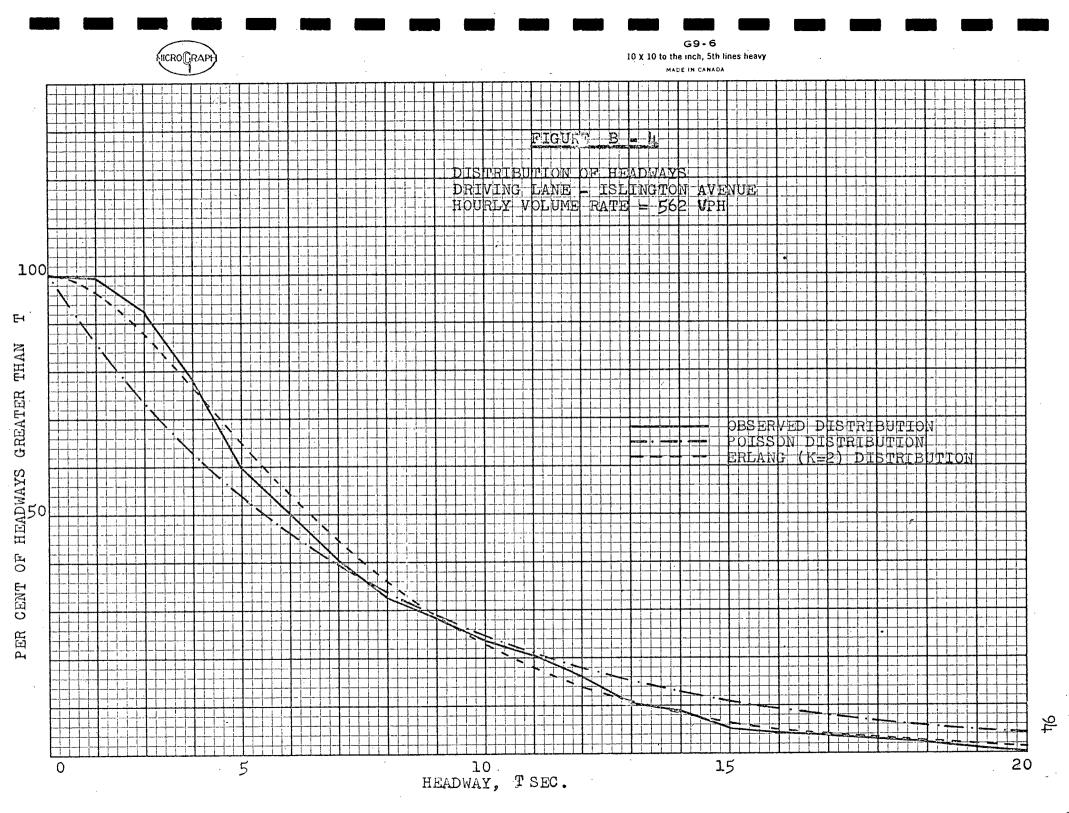
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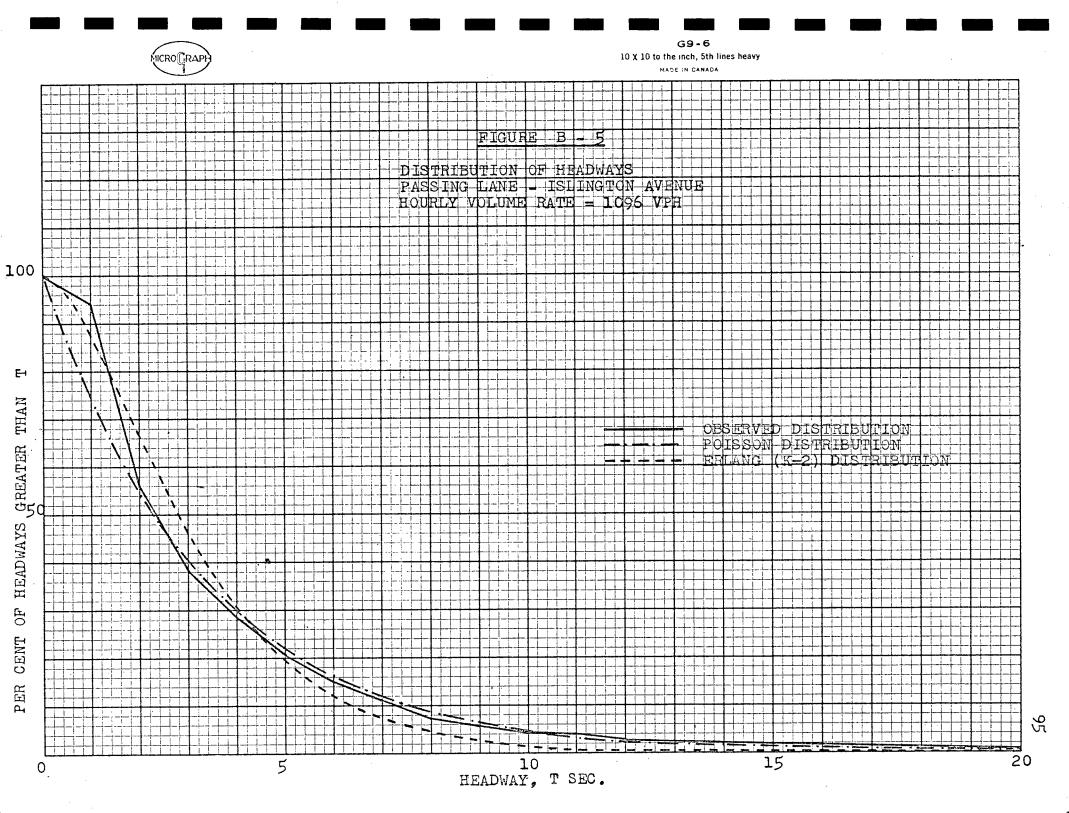
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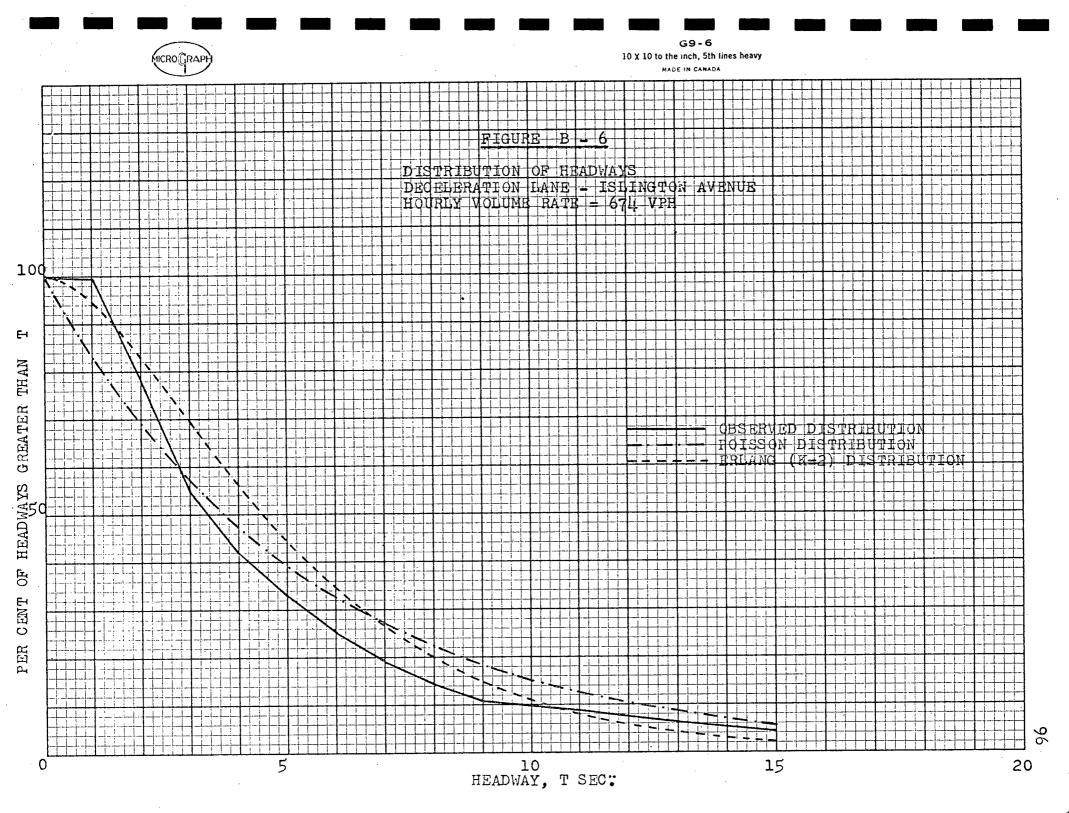


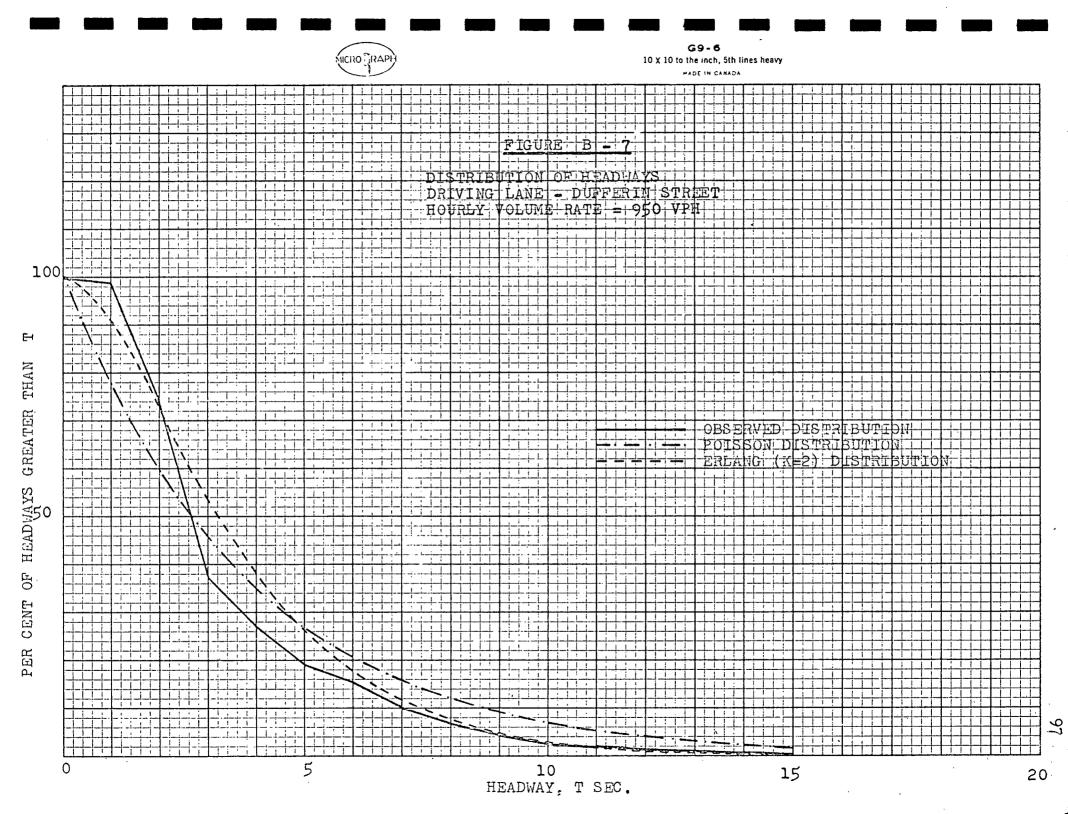


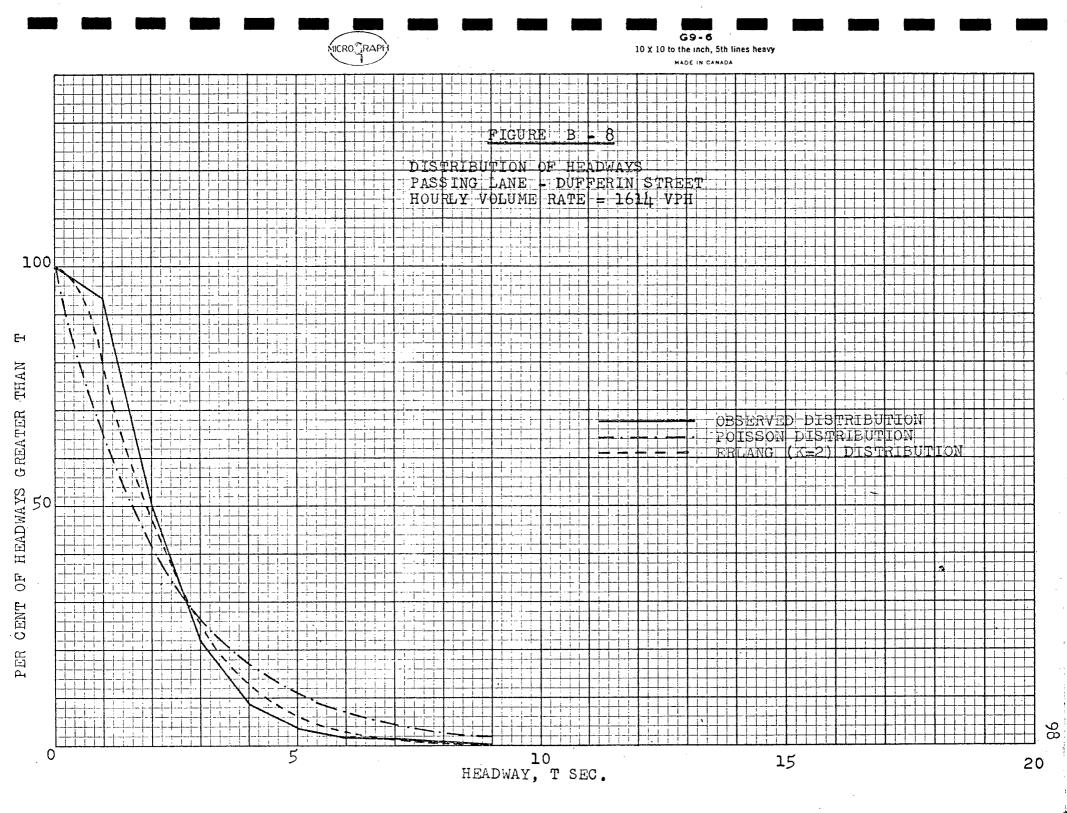


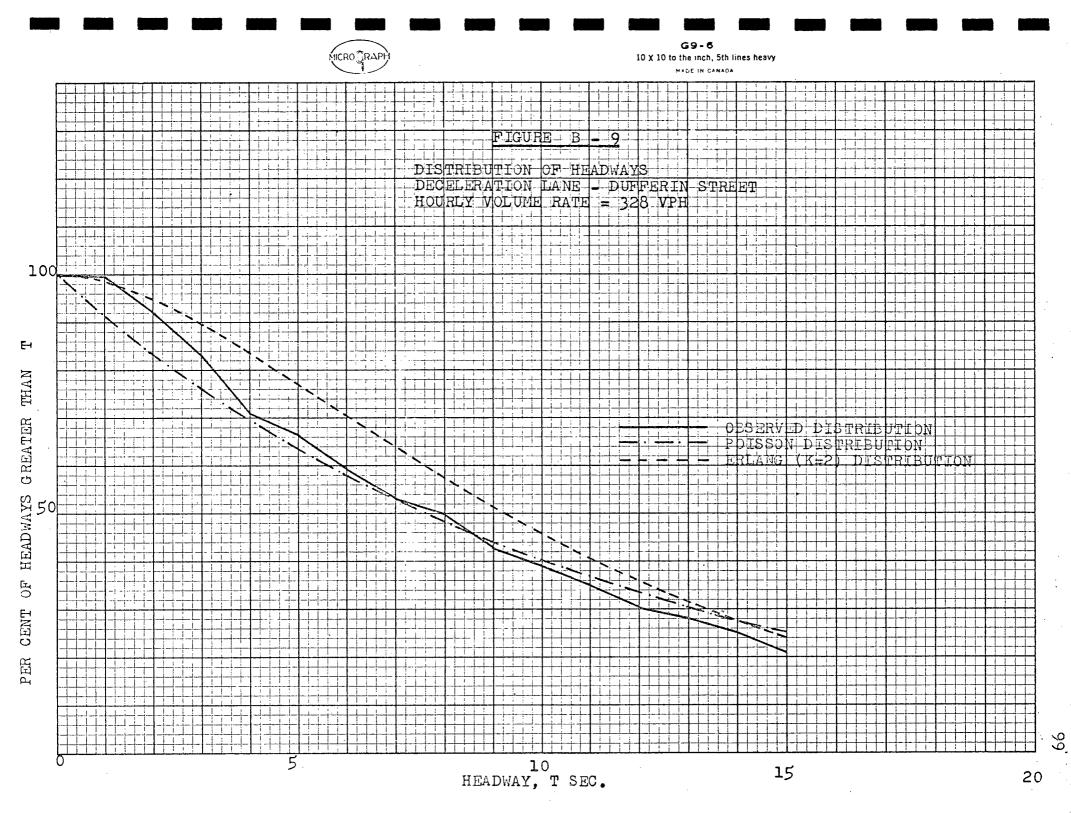


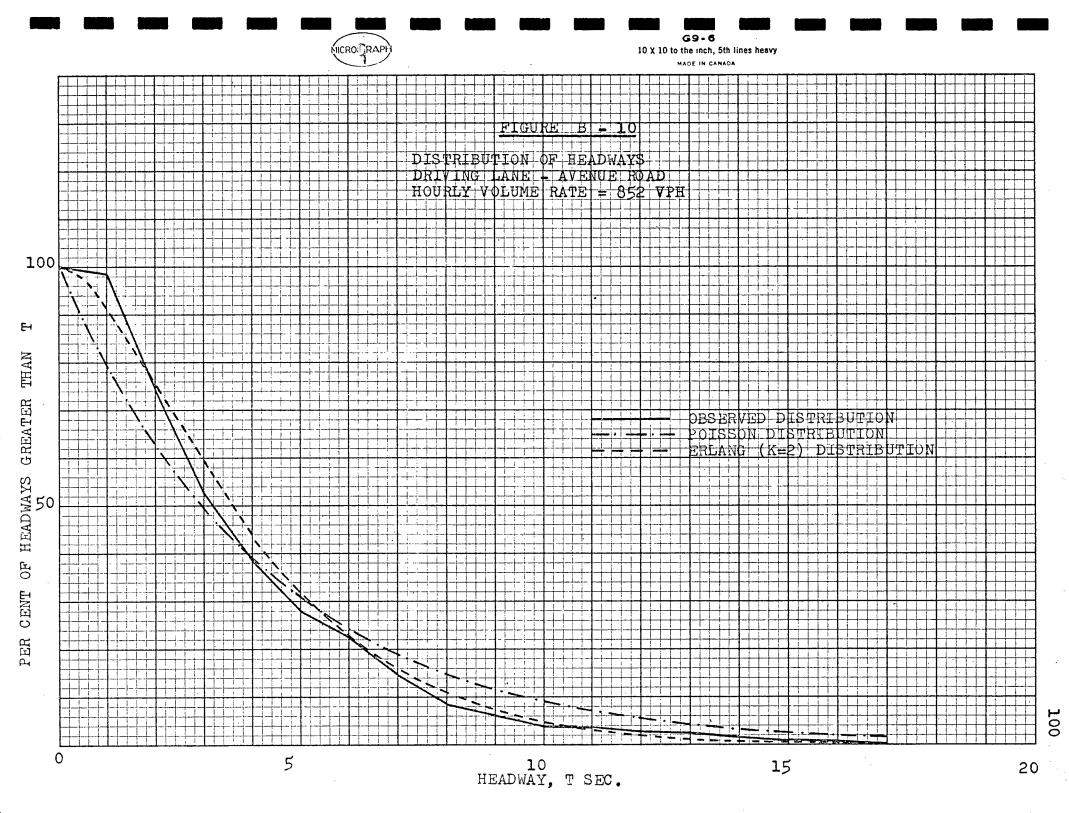


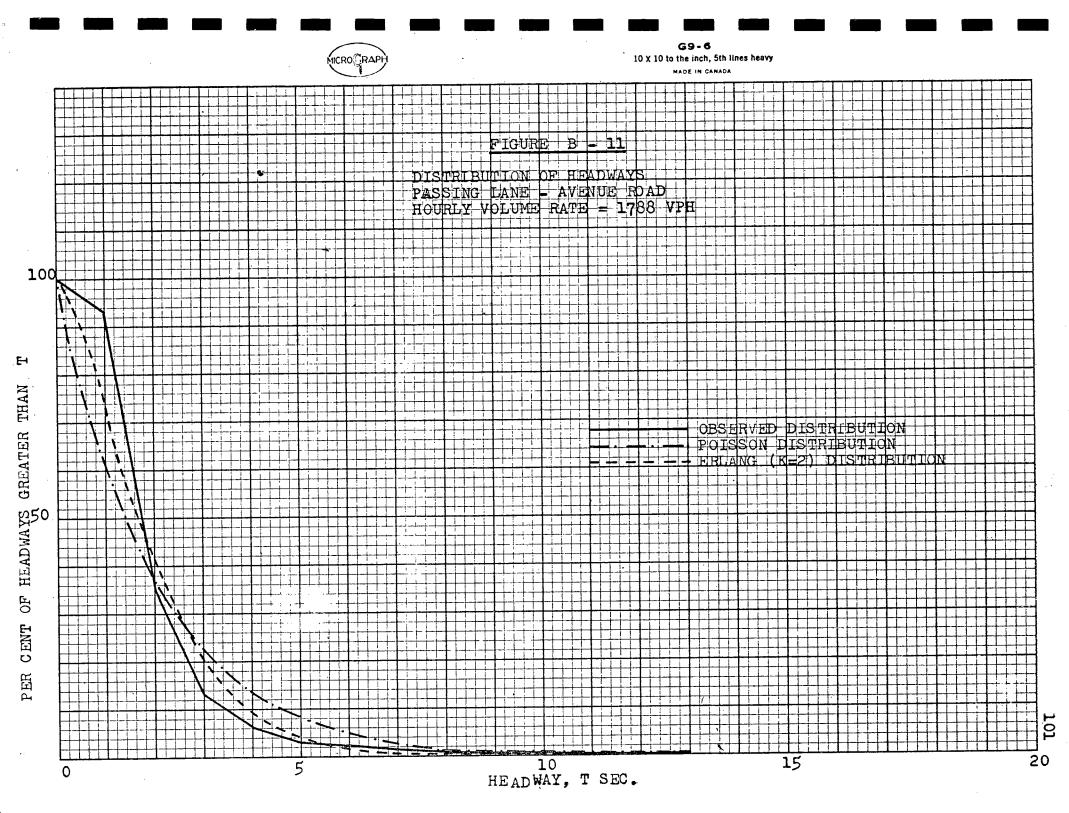


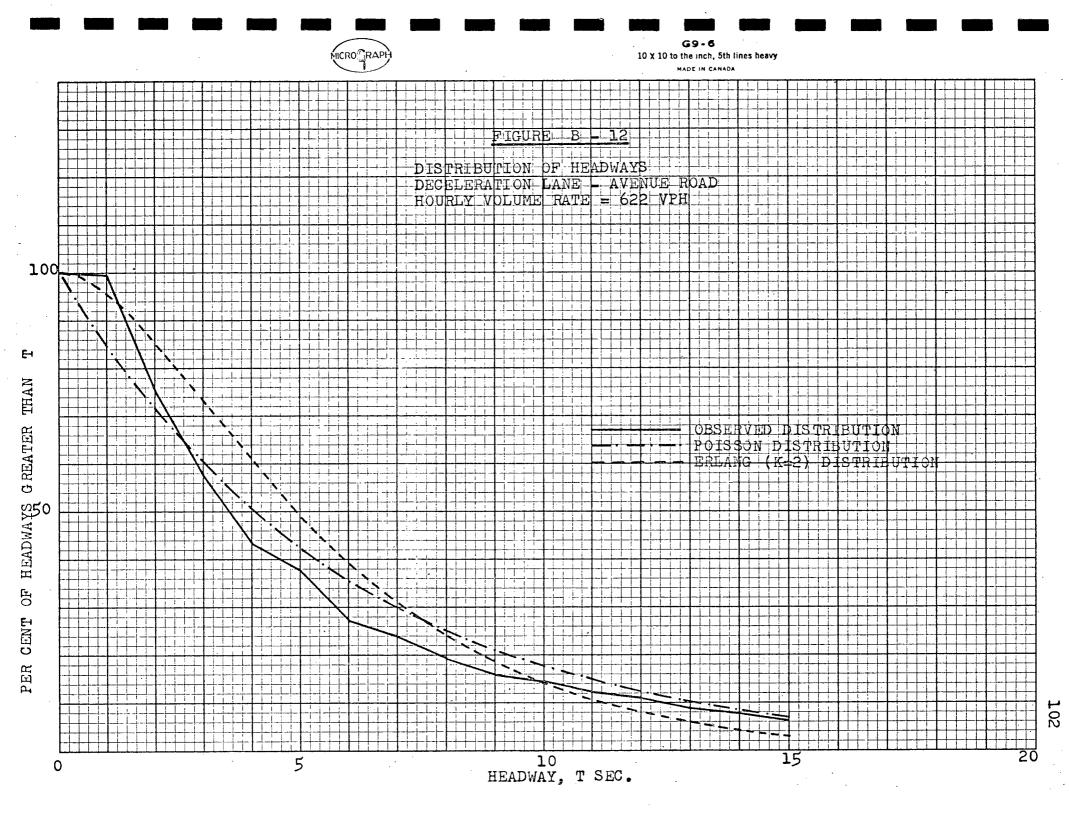


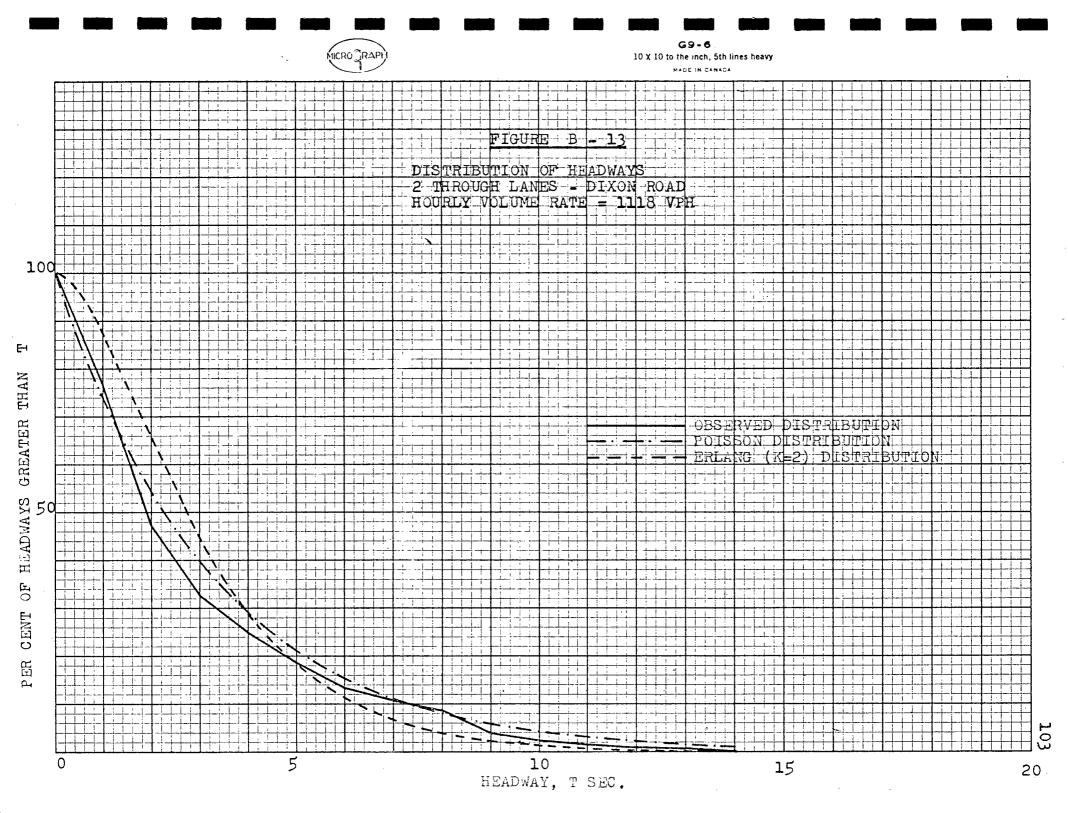


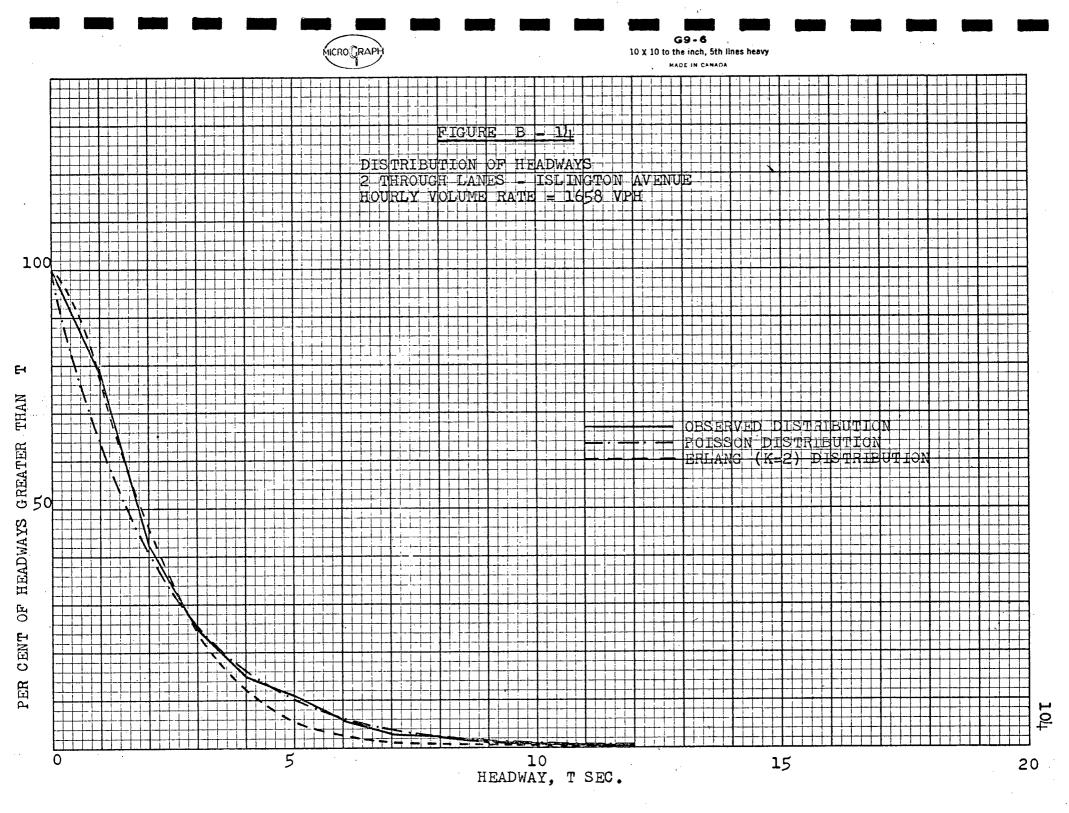


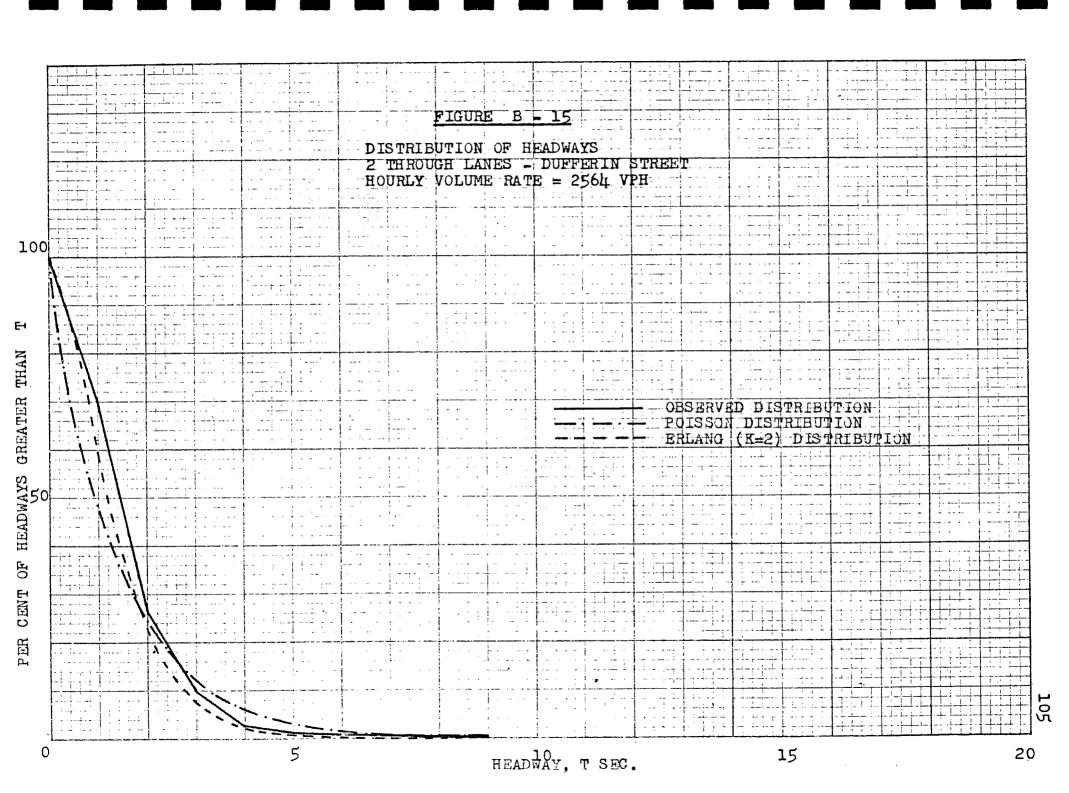


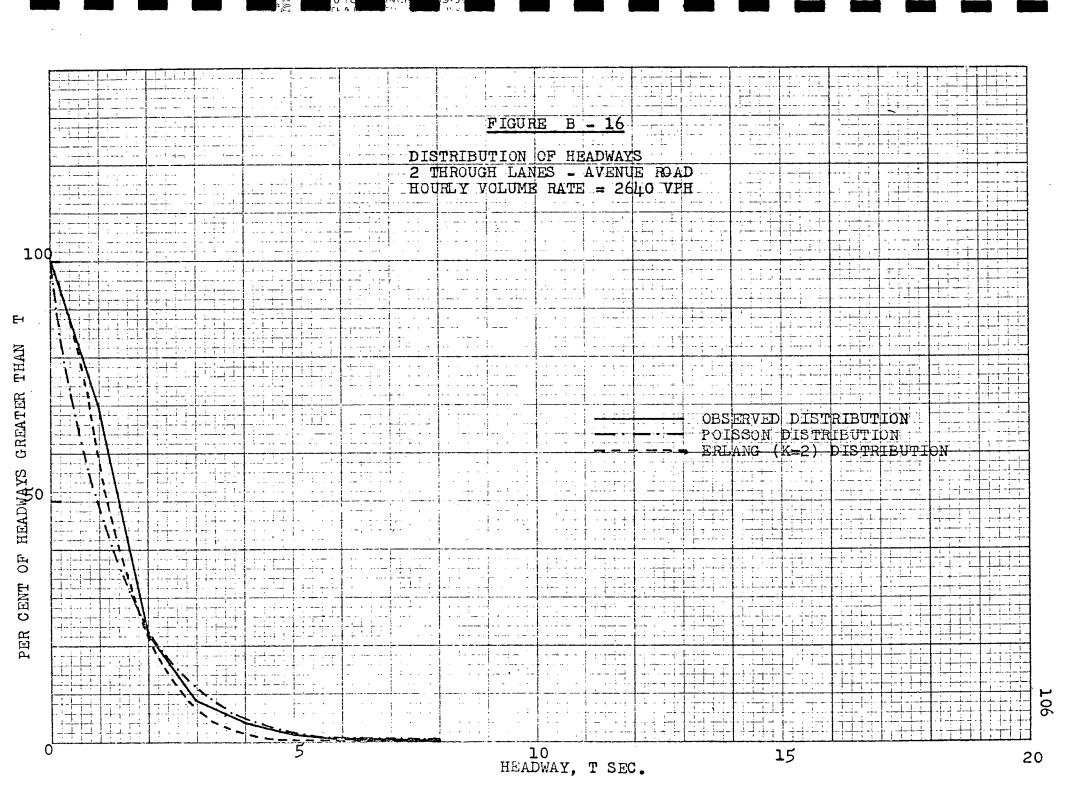






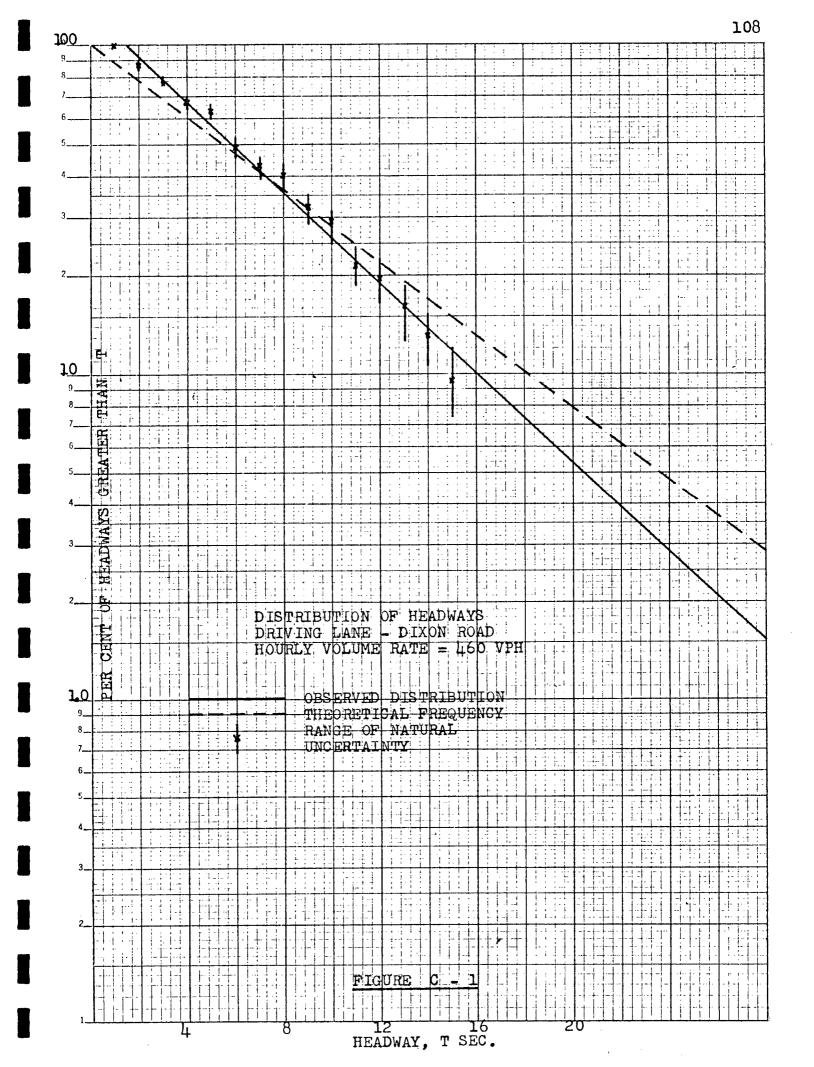


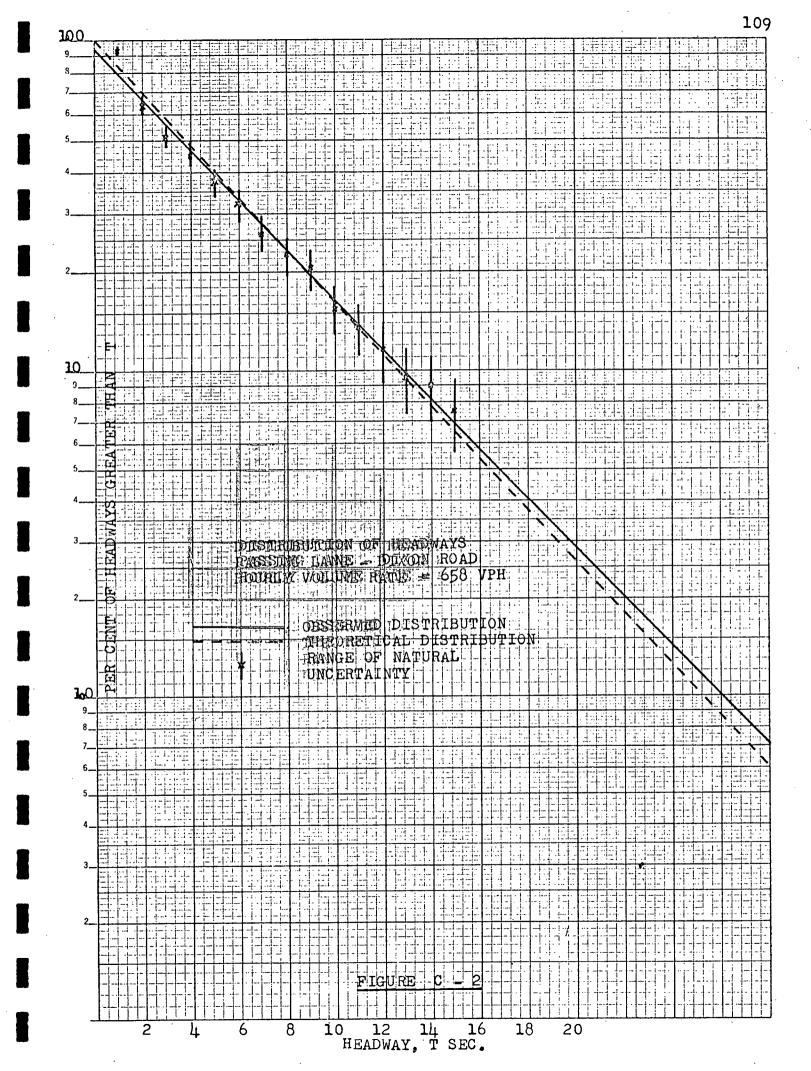


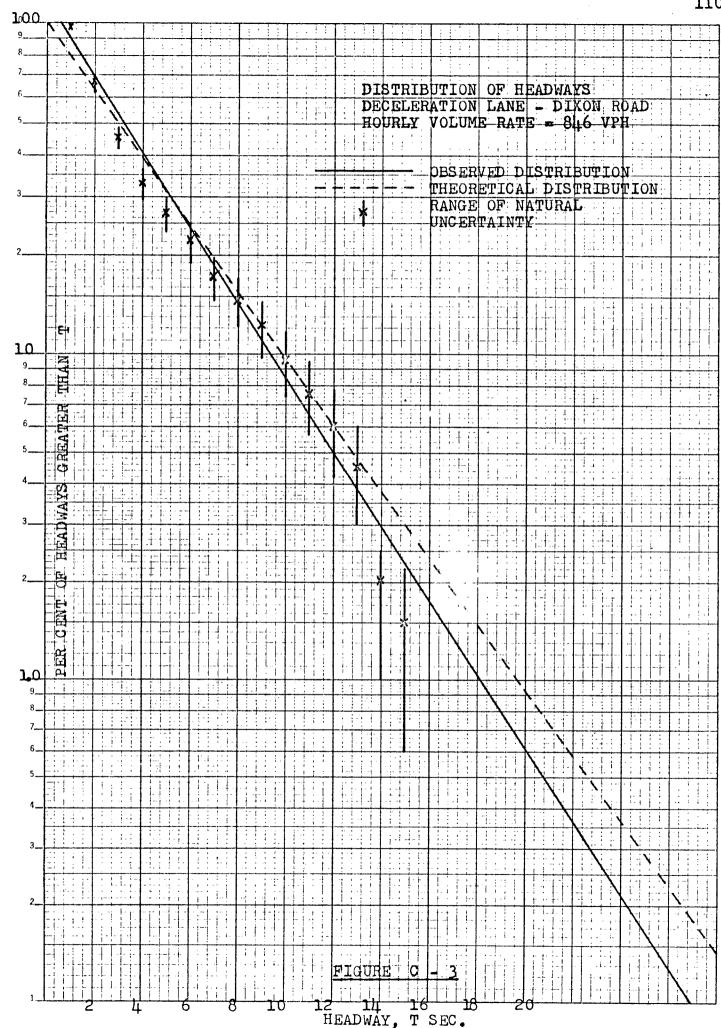


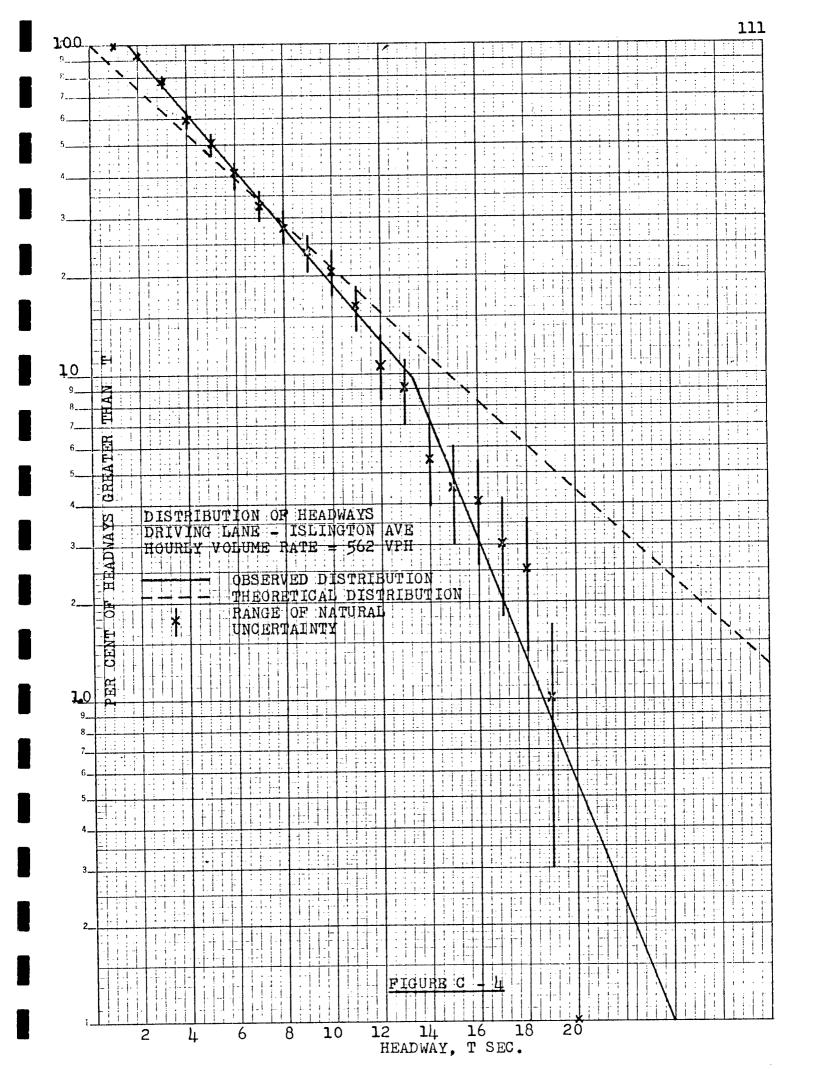
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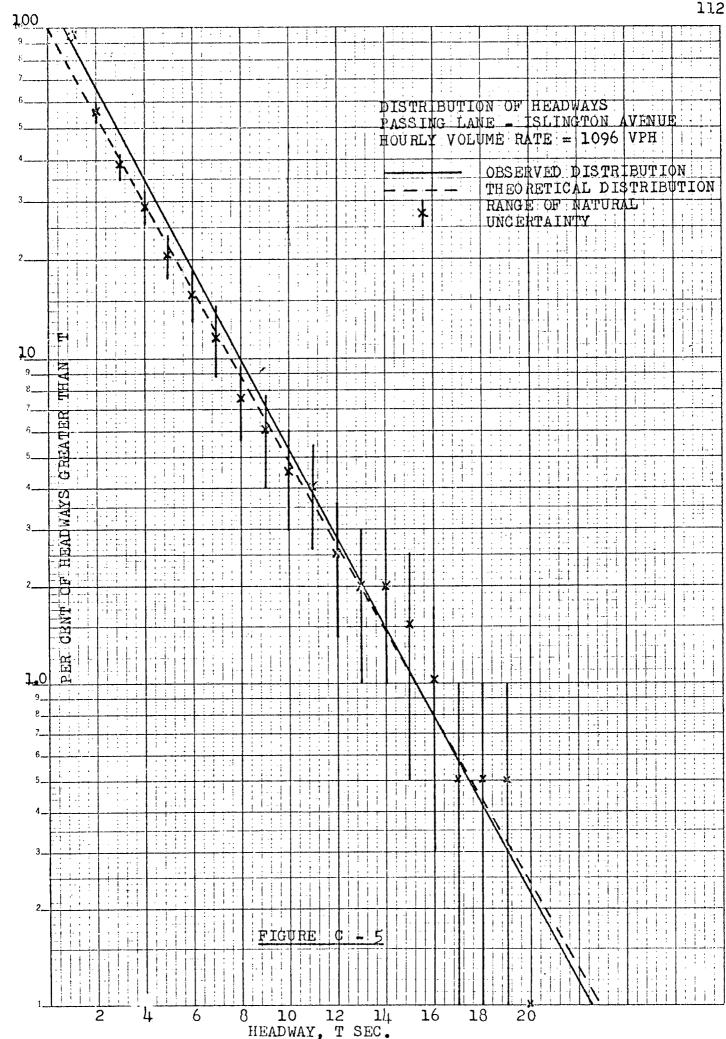
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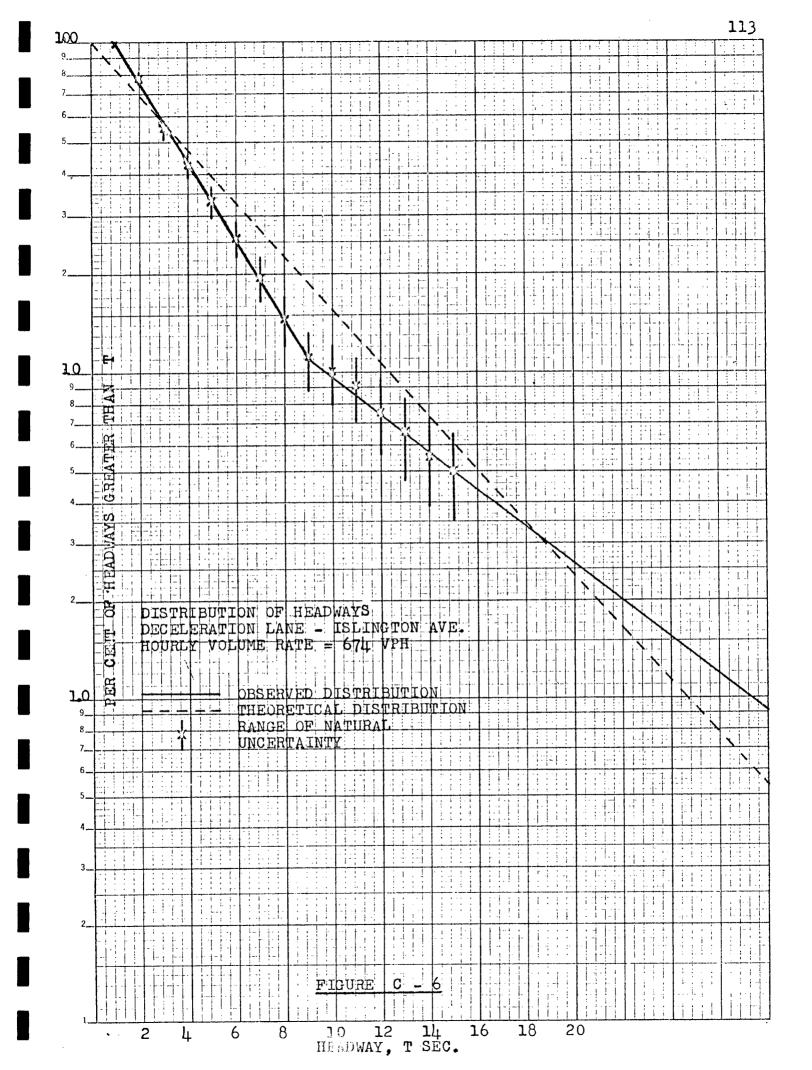


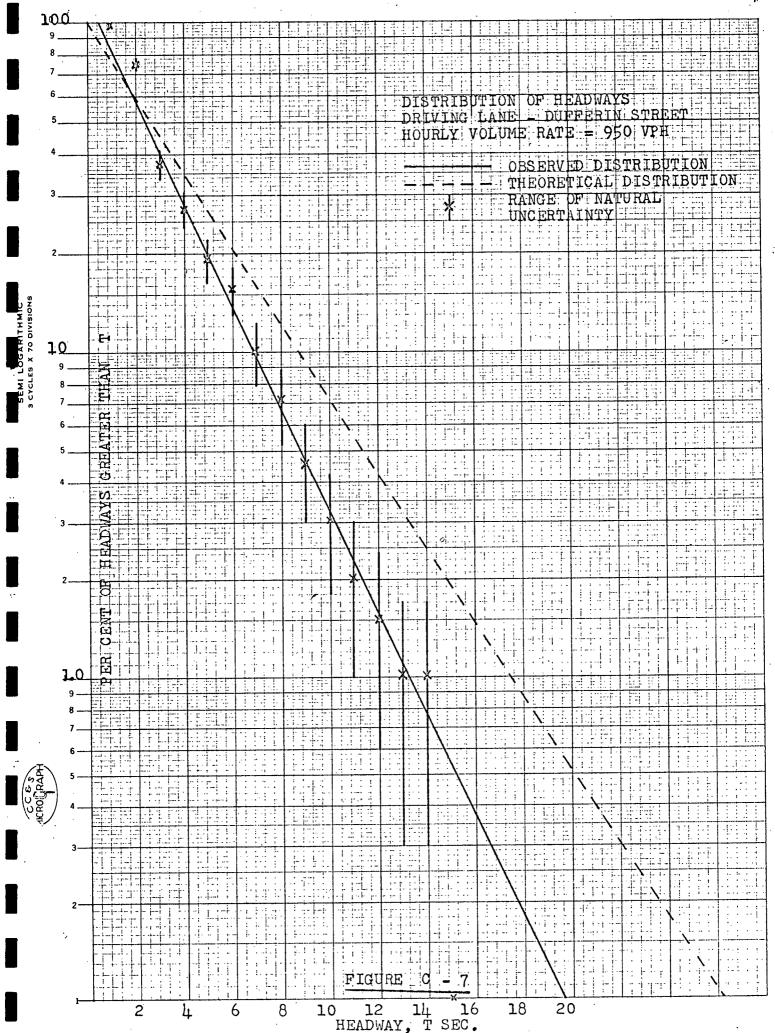


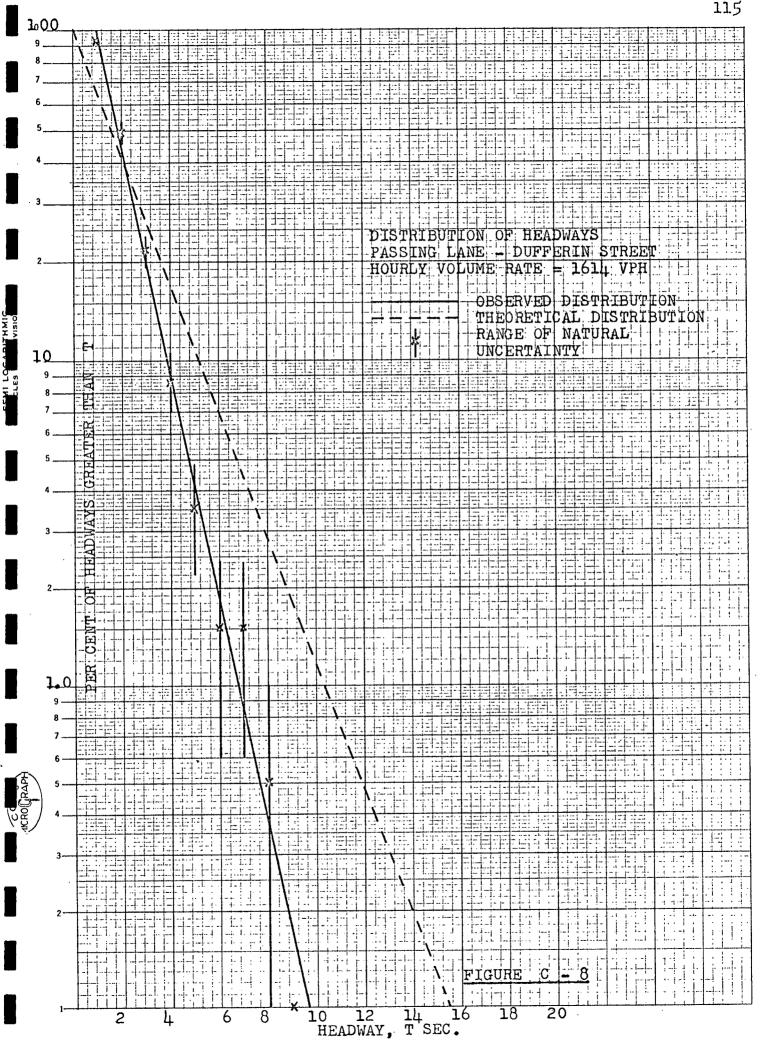


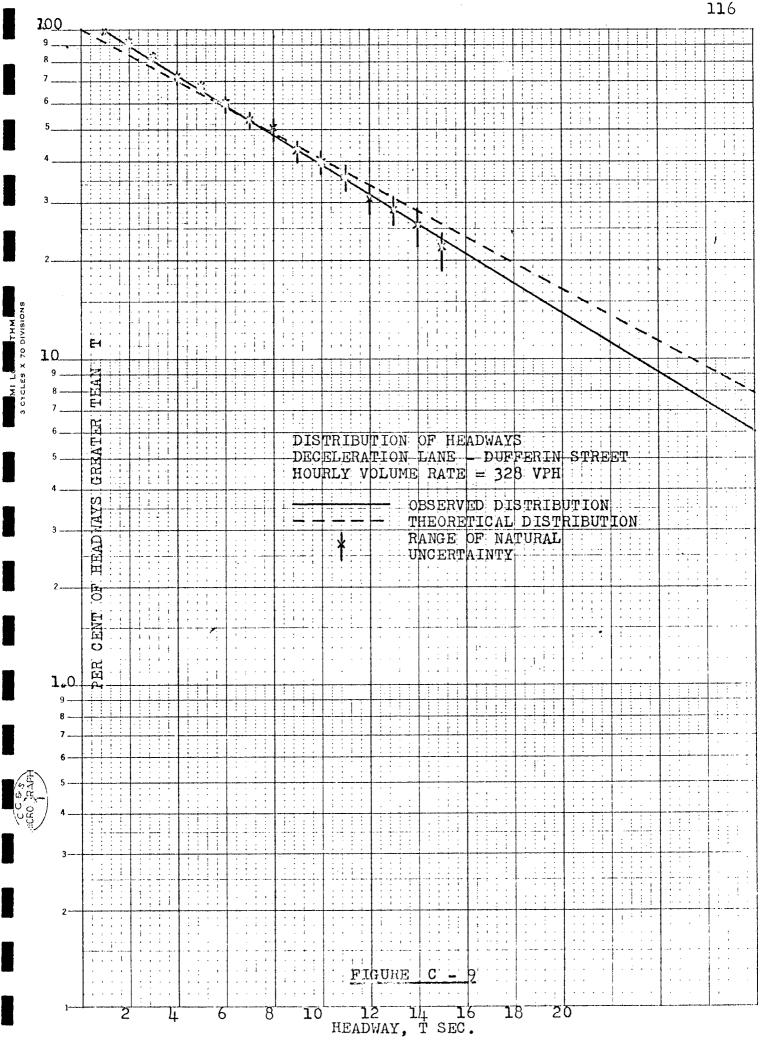


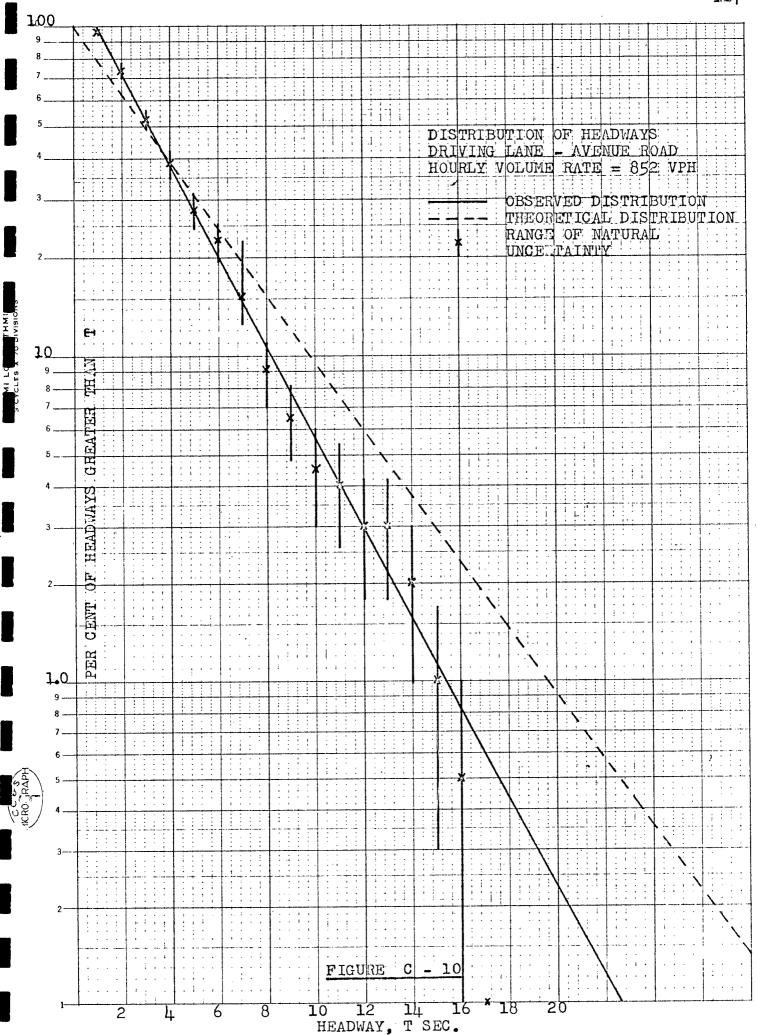


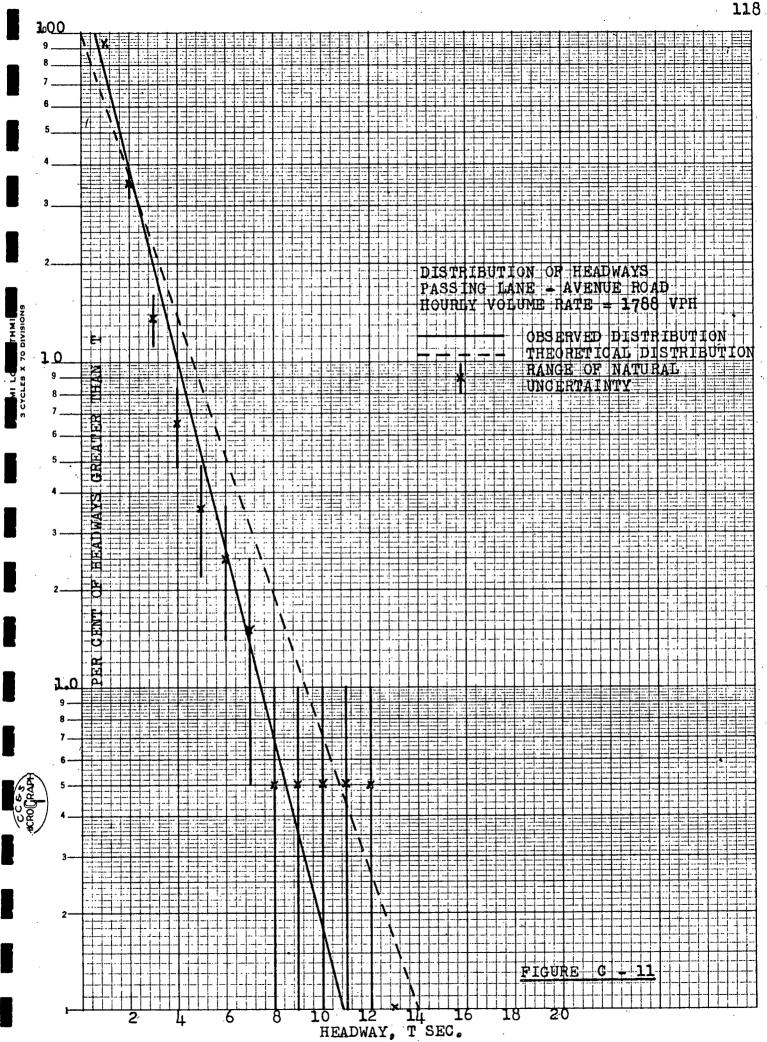


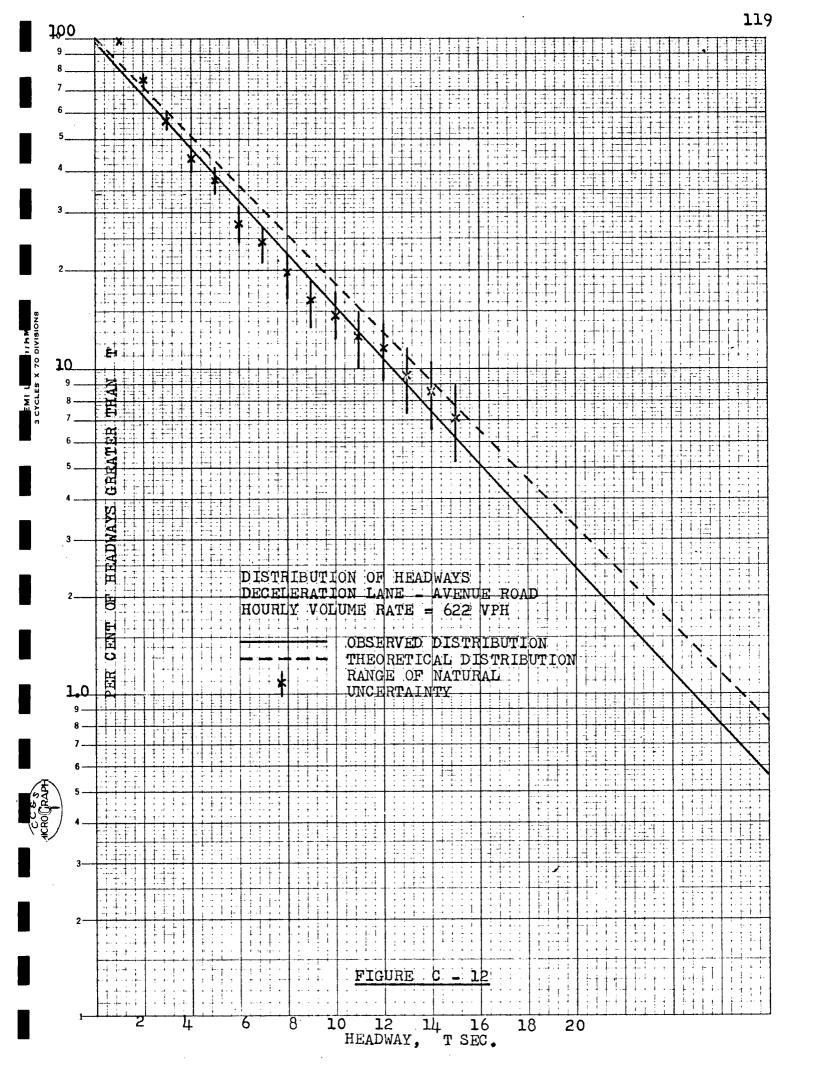


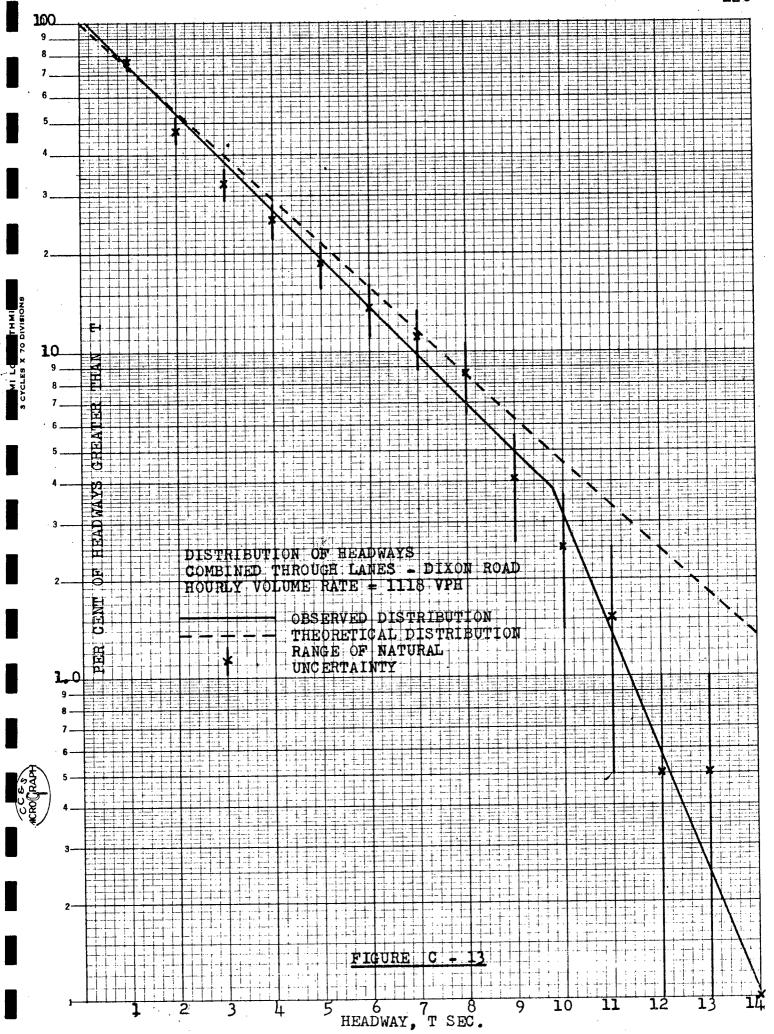












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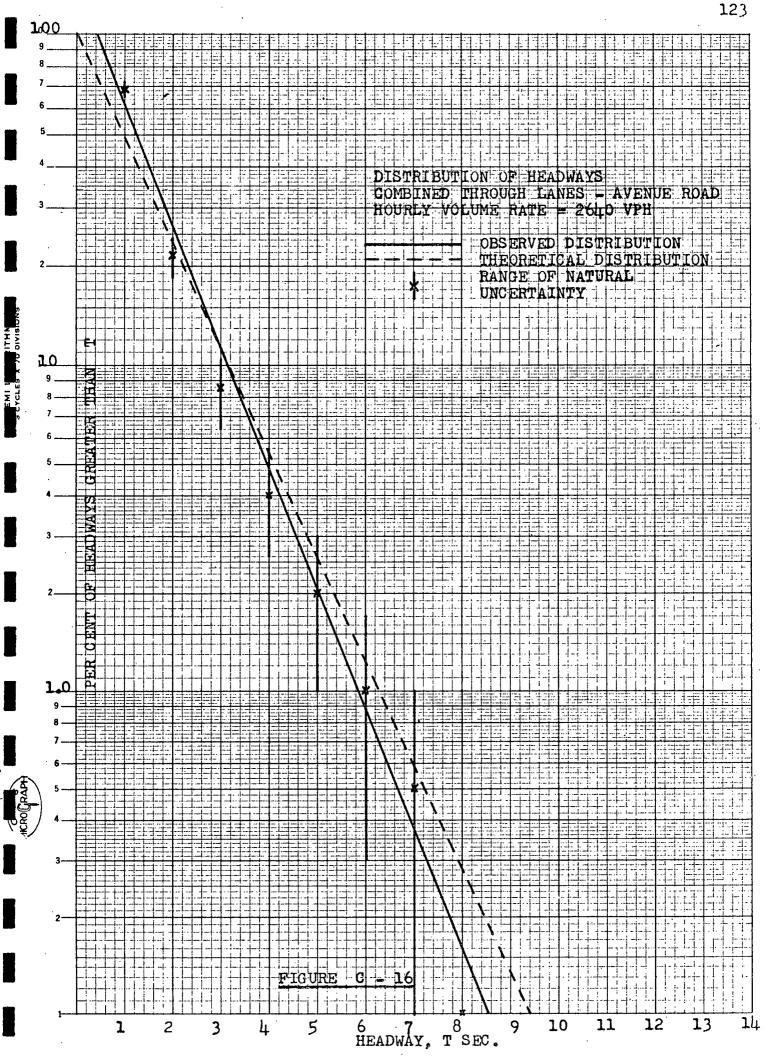
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APPENDIX "D"

Tables of Chi-Square Tests when fitting observed data to Poisson and Erlang (K=2) distributions.

TABLE D-1

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
DRIVING LANE - DIXON ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-14.9 14.0-14.9	1 24 19 22 18 13 15 16 8 13 14 7 6 7 19 N=200	0.1193 0.1050 0.0925 0.0815 0.0718 0.0632 0.0555 0.0491 0.0381 0.0335 0.0259 0.0259 0.0229 0.0202	24 19 16 14 13 11 10 98 76 55 4 30	2330645257062218	529906654590644164 249344164	22.04 0.43 0.00 2.25 1.14 1.92 0.36 2.50 5.44 0.00 5.14 0.67 0.80 0.20 1.88

 $X^2_{(13,0.01)} = 27.69$

144.77 > 27.69 ·). Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-2

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

DRIVING LANE - DIXON ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-5.9 5.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-9.9 10.0-11.9 11.0-12.9 13.0-14.9 14.0-14.9	1 24 19 22 18 8 13 15 16 8 13 4 7 6 7 19 N=200	0.0273 0.0653 0.0851 0.0925 0.0924 0.0877 0.0802 0.0720 0.0633 0.0549 0.0471 0.0403 0.0336 0.0235 0.0235 0.1063	5 17 19 18 18 14 13 11 98 76 5 21	4123003133440022	16 121 4 9 0 100 9 1 9 16 0 0 4 4	3.20 9.31 0.47 0.47 0.56 0.56 0.69 0.82 1.78 2.00 0.00 0.80 0.19 X = 25.69

 $x^2_{(14,0.01)} = 29.14$

25.69 \angle 29.14 ·) Erlang fits at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-3

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
PASSING LANE - DIXON ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	<u>(fo-fT)</u> 2 fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9	15 56 27 11 16 11 12 7 4 10 4 4 4 1 15 N=200	0.1664 0.1387 0.1156 0.0964 0.0804 0.0670 0.0558 0.0468 0.0324 0.0269 0.0287 0.0187 0.0187 0.0152	33 8 23 19 13 11 98 7 55 4 3 3 13 13	18 28 48 02 12 43 11 =2 2	324 784 16 64 0 41 4 19 11 4 4	9.82 28.00 0.70 3.37 0.00 0.31 0.09 0.44 2.00 1.29 0.20 0.20 0.40 2.31 =47.13

 $x^2_{(12,0.01)} = 26.22$

47.13 > 26.22 ·) Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-4

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA: PASSING LANE - DIXON ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (1T)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	<u>(fo-fT)</u> 2 fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9	15 56 27 11 16 11 12 7 4 10 4 4 1 1 15 N=200	0.0522 0.1133 0.1326 0.1292 0.1159 0.0983 0.0810 0.0647 0.0490 0.0418 0.0309 0.0229 0.0178 0.0178 0.0132 0.0094 0.0278	10 237 26 30 16 30 18 65 43 26	530579466221 1 9	590591666441 102481666441 181	2.50 47.35 0.00 8.65 2.13 4.05 1.00 2.77 3.60 0.50 0.67 0.20 0.11 13.50 X=87.03

$$x^2_{(12,0.01)} = 26.22$$

87.03 > 26.22 .) Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-5

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

DECELERATION LANE - DIXON ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PRO BABILITY (POISSON)	THEOR ETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.9	53452 1905554 1900 N=200	0.2094 0.1656 0.1309 0.1035 0.0818 0.0647 0.0511 0.0404 0.0320 0.0252 0.0200 0.0158 0.0120 0.0103 0.0079 0.0294	436 436 16 108 75432 206	37064440320 3 3	1369 900 256 16 16 0 9 4 0	32.60 27.27 9.85 0.76 1.00 1.23 0.00 1.13 0.57 0.00 0.69 1.50 ▼=76.60

 $X^{2}(10,0.01) = 23.21$

76.60 > 23.21 ·) Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-6

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

DECELERATION LANE - DIXON ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9	53252905555433513 19 19 N=200	0.0812 0.1610 0.1695 0.1488 0.1199 0.0919 0.0677 0.0491 0.0345 0.0245 0.0167 0.0113 0.0083 0.0050 0.0050	16 32 34 30 24 18 14 10 75 32 21 11 2	11 385 294500 8	121 961 64 25 144 16 25 4 0	7.56 30.03 1.88 0.84 6.00 4.50 1.14 2.57 0.00 5.82 ∑ =60.84

 $X^{2}(9,0.01) = 21.67$

60.84 > 21.67 ·) Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-7

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

DRIVING LANE - ISLINGTON AVE.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9 15.0-15.9 16.0-16.9 17.0-17.9 18.0-19.9	15 30 36 18 20 15 99 6 9 11 37 21 21 32 N=200	0.1444 0.1236 0.1057 0.0905 0.0774 0.0662 0.0567 0.0484 0.04155 0.0303 0.0360 0.0222 0.0190 0.0163 0.0119 0.0119 0.0102 0.0087 0.0074	29 52 16 11 10 87 65 44 33 22 21	28 10 8 18 2 7 4 1 1 3 6	784 100 64 324 49 16 1 1 9 36	27.03 4.00 2.91 18.00 0.25 3.77 0.36 0.10 0.13 0.14 1.50 7.20 0.00

 $X^2(11,0.01) = 24.73$

65.39 > 24.73 ·). Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-8

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

DRIVING LANE - ISLINGTON AVE.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9 15.0-15.9 16.0-16.9 17.0-17.9 18.0-18.9	1 15 30 36 18 20 15 99 69 11 37 21 21 32	0.0397 0.0902 0.1108 0.1139 0.1075 0.0962 0.0832 0.0704 0.0585 0.0475 0.0385 0.0316 0.0245 0.0193 0.0193 0.0193 0.0193 0.0193 0.0193 0.0193	8 18 22 23 22 19 17 14 11 9 7 6 4 3 2 2 1	738341252325 4	49 64 169 16 1 24 9 45 25	6.13 0.50 2.91 7.35 0.73 0.24 1.79 0.36 1.00 0.57 4.17
19.0-19.9	N = 200	0.0049	1 /			∑ =26.7¼

 $x^2_{(11,0.01)} = 24.73$

26.74 > 24.73 ·). Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-9

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TOOBSERVED DATA:

PASSING LANE - ISLINGTON AVE.

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CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABIL ITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9,9 10.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9 15.0-15.9 16.0-16.9 17.0-17.9 18.0-18.9 19.0-19.9	12 77 35 19 16 10 88 3 3 1 3 1 0 1 1 0 0 N=200	0.2629 0.1937 0.1429 0.1053 0.0776 0.0572 0.0422 0.0310 0.0230 0.0168 0.0127 0.0090 0.0068 0.0049 0.0037 0.0027 0.0020 0.0015 0.0011 0.0008	53 39 21 15 11 8 6 5 3 3 2 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0	41 38 62 11 02 2	1681 1444 36 4 1 0 4	31.72 37.03 1.24 0.19 0.07 0.09 0.00 0.67 0.80

 X^2 (8,0.01) = 20.09

71.81 > 20.09 ·)· Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-10

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
PASSING LANE - ISLINGTON AVE.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEOR ETI CAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9 15.0-15.9 16.0-16.9 17.0-17.9 18.0-19.9	12 77 35 19 16 10 8 8 3 1 3 1 0 0 0 1 N=200	0.1251 0.2196 0.2013 0.1540 0.1080 0.0722 0.0460 0.0291 0.0181 0.0110 0.0063 0.0045 0.0022 0.0017 0.0009 0.0009 0.0001 0.0001	25年932日496年21日000000000000000000000000000000000000	13 13 14 10 7	169 1089 25 144 25 16 1 4	6.76 24.75 0.63 4.65 1.19 1.14 0.14 0.67

 $X^2(7,0.01) = 18.48$

46.06 > 18.48 ·) Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-11

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
DECELERATION LANE - ISLINGTON AVE.

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٠	CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
	0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9	1 43 47 28 15 10 7 2 2 3 2 1 10 N=200	0.1706 0.1414 0.1174 0.0973 0.0807 0.0670 0.0555 0.0461 0.0382 0.0317 0.0263 0.0218 0.0181 0.0150 0.0150	34 28 24 19 16 13 11 98 65 44 32 12	33 15 26 22 11 14 3 5 2	1089 2229 34 41 1169 25 4	32.03 8.04 22.04 1.89 0.25 0.31 0.09 0.11 0.13 2.67 1.80 1.92 0.33 ∑=71.61

 $x^2_{(11,0.01)} = 24.73$ 71.61 > 24.73 ·) Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-12

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

DECELERATION LANE - ISLINGTON AVE.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9	1 43 47 218 12 10 7 2 2 3 2 1 10 N=200	0.0547 0.1180 0.1364 0.1318 0.1168 0.0984 0.0801 0.0634 0.0498 0.0378 0.0294 0.0219 0.0158 0.0126 0.0086 0.0245	11 24 27 26 23 20 16 13 10 8 6 4 3 2 5	19015543364 4 5	100 361 400 1 25 16 9 36 16 16 25	9.09 15.04 14.81 0.04 1.09 1.25 1.00 0.69 0.90 4.67 1.33 5.00 ∑=57.41

 $x^2_{(11,0.01)} = 24.73$

57.41 > 24.73 ·) Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-13

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

DRIVING LANE - DUFFERIN ST.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9	3 51 72 20 16 7 11 6 5 32 1 1 0 2 N=200	0.2313 0.1777 0.1367 0.1051 0.0807 0.0621 0.0477 0.0367 0.0282 0.0217 0.0167 0.0128 0.0099 0.0075 0.0059	46 36 27 21 16 12 10 76 4 33 22 1	4355 41051 116	1849 225 2025 1 0 25 1 1	40.20 6.25 75.00 0.05 0.00 2.08 0.10 0.14 0.17 2.40

 x^2 (8,0.01) = 20.09

127.39 > 20.09 ·) Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-14

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA;

DRIVING LANE - DUFFERIN ST.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9	3 51 72 20 16 7 11 6 5 32 1 0 2 N=200	0.0981 0.1853 0.1845 0.1534 0.1170 0.0847 0.0590 0.0409 0.0266 0.0179 0.0122 0.0072 0.0046 0.0036 0.0014	20 37 39 31 23 17 12 8 5 42 1 1 0	17 11 33 11 7 10 1 2 0	289 196 1089 121 49 100 1 4 0	14.45 5.30 27.92 3.90 2.13 5.88 0.08 0.50 0.00

 X^2 (8,0.01) = 20.09

60.16 > 20.09 ·)· Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-15

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
PASSING LANE - DUFFERIN ST.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9	15 87 55 26 10 4 0 2 1 3 N=200	0.3611 0.2307 0.1474 0.0942 0.0601 0.0385 0.0245 0.0158 0.0100	72 46 29 19 12 8 5 32	57 41 26 72 45 2	3249 1681 676 49 4 16 25	45.13 36.54 23.31 2.58 0.33 2.00 5.00 0.80 \$\frac{2}{2} = 115.69

 $X^{2}(6,0.01) = 16.81$

115.69 > 16.81 \cdot). Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-16

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA: PASSING LANE - DUFFERIN ST.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9	15 87 55 26 10 4 0 2 1 N=200	0.2261 0.3088 0.2143 0.1238 0.0651 0.0326 0.0155 0.0073 0.0056	45 62 43 25 13 7 3 2 1	30 25 12 3 3 3	900 625 144 1 9 9	20.00 10.08 3.35 0.04 0.69 1.29 1.50 \$\overline{\overline{\pi}}\$

 x^2 (5,0.01) = 15.09

36.95 > 15.09 ·) Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-17

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
DECELERATION LANE - DUFFERIN ST.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9	1 13 15 21 8 13 10 6 12 6 7 8 4 5 7 37 44 N=173	0.0870 0.0794 0.0725 0.0662 0.0665 0.0504 0.0504 0.0420 0.0484 0.0380 0.0320 0.03291 0.0267 0.0243 0.2554	15 13 10 998 7766 554 45 45	1412024125112105	196 14 100 161 141 251 141 025	13.07 0.07 0.31 9.09 0.40 1.78 0.11 0.50 3.57 0.14 0.17 0.67 0.20 0.00 0.51 \$\mathbb{\sum}\$ = 30.59

 $X^2(13,0.01) = 27.69$

30.59 > 27.69 ·) Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-18

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
DECELERATION LANE - DUFFERIN ST.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-14.9 14.0-14.9	1 14 13 15 21 8 13 10 6 12 6 7 8 4 5 7 8 4 5 7 8 173	0.0147 0.0375 0.0522 0.0611 0.0657 0.0659 0.0659 0.0599 0.0560 0.0512 0.0471 0.0424 0.0386 0.0343	3 7 9 11 11 12 11 10 10 9 8 7 7 6 42	4 60311524203215	16 36 10 91 15 46 140 94 15 25	1.60 4.00 9.09 0.82 0.36 0.09 2.27 0.40 1.60 0.44 0.29 0.57 0.17 0.60 ▼=23.30

 $X^{2}(13,0.01) = 27.69$ 23.30 \angle 27.69 ·) Erlang fits at the 1% significance level.

-- TABLE D-19

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA: DRIVING LANE - AVENUE ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEO RETICAL FREQUEN CY (1T)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9 15.0-16.9	39 49 43 28 21 11 15 12 54 12 02 21 1 N=200	0.2212 0.1660= 0.1312 0.1035 0.0818 0.0646 0.0510 0.0403 0.0318 0.0252 0.0198 0.0157 0.0125 0.0097 0.0077 0.0061 0.0048	4361630865488211	41677525411 7	1681 256 289 49 25 16 1 1	38.20 7.76 11.12 2.33 1.56 0.31 2.50 2.00 0.17 0.20 3.06

 x^2 (9,0.01) = 21.67

69.21 > 21.67 ·)· Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-20

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

DRIVING LANE - AVENUE ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL	OBSERVED FREQUENCY	PROBABILITY (ERLANG)	THEORETICAL	/2 (27)	102	. 2
(SEC)	(fo)	K=2	FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9 15.0-15.9 16.0-16.9	3 49 49 21 11 15 15 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	0.0880 0.1556 0.1700 0.1492 0.1200 0.0915 0.0677 0.0486 0.0344 0.0241 0.0162 0.0120 0.0070 0.0070 0.0058 0.0034 0.0022 0.0016	18 31 34 30 18 14 10 75 32 11 11 0	15 18 9237 1221 0	225 324 81 49 49 1 4 1	12.50 10.45 2.38 0.13 0.38 2.72 0.07 0.40 0.57 0.20
<u> </u>						Z-29.00

 $X^{2}(9,0.01) = 21.67$

29.80 > 21.67 ·)· Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-21

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
PASSING LANE - AVENUE ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9	14 116 43 14 6 2 2 2 0 0 0 0 1 N=200	0.3923 0.2383 0.1449 0.0881 0.0535 0.0325 0.0197 0.0121 0.0073 0.0044 0.0028 0.0016	78 48 30 18 11 7 42 2 1 0 0	648 13455 5	4096 1624 169 25 25	52.51 96.33 5.63 0.89 2.27 3.57 2.50

 $X^2(5,0.01) = 15.09$

163.70 > 15.09 ·)· Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-22

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
PASSING LANE - AVENUE ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9	11 ₁ 116 43 14 6 2 2 0 0 0 1 N=200	0.2627 0.3292 0.2071 0.1083= 0.05114 0.0239 0.0102 0.0015 0.0017 0.0005 0.0003 0.0001	53612052100000	39 50 2 8 4	1521 2500 4 64 16	28.70 37.88 0.10 2.91 1.60

 $x^2_{(4,0.01)} = 13.28$

71.32 > 13.28 ·)· Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-23

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

DECELERATION LANE - AVENUE ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PRO BABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9	1 50 35 28 11 20 7 11 53 42 4 2 3 14 N=200	0.1680 0.1331 0.1120 0.0943 0.0794 0.0669 0.0563 0.0474 0.0399 0.0336 0.0283 0.0283 0.0239 0.0200 0.0169 0.0142 0.0758	34 27 29 16 31 10 87 65 43 35 15	3333957413423 1 1	1089 529 169 815 49 16 1 96 4 9	32.03 19.59 7.68 4.26 1.56 3.77 1.45 0.10 1.13 2.29 0.67 1.80 0.10 0.10 0.07 ∑=76.50

 X^2 (12,0.01) = 26.22 76.50 > 26.22 ·)· Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-24

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

DECELERATION LANE - AVENUE ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (1T)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9 14.0-14.9	1 50 35 28 11 20 7 11 5 3 42 42 3 14 N=200	0.0472 0.1044 0.1244 0.1238 0.1130 0.0984 0.0821 0.0673 0.0543 0.0543 0.0426 0.0339 0.0260 0.0202 0.0153 0.0120 0.0351	91553063119754327	8 29 10 32 09 266 33 0 7	64 841 100 9 144 0 81 36 36 9 0 49	7.11 40.05 4.00 0.36 6.26 0.00 5.06 0.31 3.27 4.00 1.29 1.80 0.00 7.00 \$=80.51

 x^2 (12,0.01) = 26.22

80.51 > 26.22 ·) Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-25

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
COMBINED THROUGH LANES - DIXON ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9	47 59 29 15 13 10 55 9 32 20 17 0 1 N=200	0.2673 0.1958 0.1435 0.1052 0.0770 0.0565 0.0413 0.0303 0.0222 0.0163 0.0119 0.0087 0.0065 0.0046	53 39 21 15 18 6 4 33 21 1	6 20 0 6 2 1 3 1	36 400 0 36 4 1 9 1	0.68 10.26 0.00 1.71 0.27 0.09 1.13 0.17

 X^2 (7,0.025) = 16.01 14.95 \angle 16.01 ·)· Poisson fits at the 2.5% significance level.

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CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLA NG) ~(K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-11.9 12.0-12.9 13.0-13.9	47 59 29 15 13 10 55 9 32 20 1 N=200	0.1291 0.2242 0.2033 0.1535 0.1666 0.0697 0.0168 0.0168 0.0100 0.0058 0.0058	26 45 41 31 21 14 96 32 1	21 14 12 16 8 4 1	441 196 144 256 64 16 1	16.96 4.36 3.51 8.26 3.05 1.14 1.78 0.17 14.29

 x^2 (7, 0.01) = 18.48

53.52 > 18.48 - Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-27

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA: COMBINED THROUGH LANES - ISLINGTON AVE.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THE OR ETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9	144 75 33 18 9 6 1 2 2 2 0 1 N=200	0.3693 0.2330 0.1469 0.0926 0.0582 0.0371 0.0233 0.0146 0.0092 0.0059 0.0036 0.0023	74 47 29 19 12 75 32 1 10	30 28 1 32 1	900 784 16 1 9 4 1	12.16 16.68 0.55 0.06 0.75 0.58 0.20 0.14

$$X^{2}(6,0.01) = 16.81$$

31.12 > 16.81 ·) Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-28

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

COMBINED THROUGH LANES - ISLINGTON AVE.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (1T)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9 9.0-9.9 10.0-10.9 11.0-11.9	44 75 33 18 9 6 1 2 2 0 1 N=200	0.2356 0.3145 0.2130 0.1197 0.0617 0.0268 0.0168 0.0069 0.0031 0.0009 0.0006	47 63 43 44 12 12 10 00	3 10 6 3 4 7	9 144 100 36 9 16	0.19 2.29 2.33 1.50 0.75 3.20 9.80 ∑=20.06

 X^2 (5,0.01) = 18.48

20.06 > 18.48 ·) Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-29

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
COMBINED THROUGH LANES - DUFFERIN ST.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9	61 87 33 14 3 1 0 0 1 N=200	0.5093 0.2500 0.1226 0.0601 0.0296 0.0144 0.0072 0.0035 0.0017	102 50 25 12 6 31 1 0	41 27 8 2 3	1681 729 64 4 9	16.48 14.58 2.56 0.33 1.50 1.80 ∑=37.25

 $x^2(4,0.01) = 13.28$

37.25 > 13.28 ·) · Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-30

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:

COMBINED THROUGH LANES - DUFFERIN ST.

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-6.9 7.0-7.9 8.0-8.9	61 87 33 14 3 1 0 0 1 N=200	0.4165 0.3603 0.1494 0.0517 0.0156 0.0046 0.0014 0.0004 0.0006	83 72 30 10 3 1 0 0 0	22 15 3	484 225 9 25	5.83 3.13 0.30 1.78 \$\overline{\chi}\$=11.04

$$X^2$$
(2,0.01) = 9.21

11.04 > 9.21 ·) · Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-31

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF POISSON DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
COMBINED THROUGH LANES - AVENUE ROAD

CLASS INTERVAL (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (POISSON)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ² fT
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9 5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9	62 95 26 9 4 2 1 1 N=200	0.5195 0.2497 0.1199 0.0576 0.0277 0.0133 0.0064 0.0031	104 50 24 12 6 3 1	42 45 2 3 2	1764 2025 4 9 4	16.96 40.50 0.16 0.75 0.67 0.20 ∑=59.24

 $x^2_{(4,0.01)} = 13.28$

59.24 > 13.28 ·) Poisson does not fit at the 1% significance level.

TABLE D-32

CHI-SQUARE TEST TO CHECK THE GOODNESS OF FIT OF ERLANG (K=2) DISTRIBUTION TO OBSERVED DATA:
COMBINED THROUGH LANES - AVENUE ROAD

CLASS INTERVA (SEC)	OBSERVED FREQUENCY (fo)	PROBABILITY (ERLANG) (K=2)	THEORETICAL FREQUENCY (fT)	(fo-fT)	(fo-fT) ²	(fo-fT) ²
0.0-0.9 1.0-1.9 2.0-2.9 3.0-3.9 4.0-4.9	95 26 9 1	0.4308 0.3596 0.1432 0.0472 0.0134	86 72 29 9	14 23 3	196 529 9	2.28 7.35 0.31
5.0-5.9 6.0-6.9 7.0-7.9	2 17	0.0038 0.0015 0.0004	1 13	14	16	1.23 ∑ =11.17

 $X^2(2,0.01) = 9.21$

11.17 > 9.21 ·) Erlang does not fit at the 1% significance level.

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