

# Ramps and Ramps Junctions Worksheet

## General Information

Analyst: Analyst  
 Agency or Company: Agency or Company  
 Date Performed: Date Performed  
 Analyst Time Period: Analyst Time Period

Operational (LOS)       Design (LA, LD or N)

## Site Information

Freeway/Direction of Travel: Freeway/Direction of Travel  
 Junction: Junction  
 Jurisdiction: Jurisdiction  
 Analysis Year: Analysis Year

Planning (LOS)       Planning (LA, LD or N)

## Definition of new units

In this case, the units of meters (m) are used to define new units, but any other could be used.

$$\text{veh} := \frac{\text{m}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\text{pc} := \frac{\text{m}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\text{ln} := \frac{\text{m}}{\text{m}}$$

## Inputs

### Upstream Adjacent Ramp

Yes       On  
 No       Off

$$L_{\text{up}} := 0\text{ft}$$

$$V_{\text{U}} := 0 \frac{\text{veh}}{\text{hr}}$$

### Terrain:

Level

Number of lanes on freeway segment (one direction):

$$N_{\text{F}} := 2$$

Number of lanes on ramp:

$$N_{\text{R}} := 1$$

Acceleration lane length (outer):

$$L_{\text{Ao}} := 0\text{ft}$$

Acceleration lane length (inner)\*:

$$L_{\text{Ai}} := 750\text{ft}$$

Deceleration lane length (outer):

$$L_{\text{Do}} := 0\text{ft}$$

Deceleration lane length (inner)\*:

$$L_{\text{Di}} := 0\text{ft}$$

Side of ramp:

Right-hand       Left-hand

Area Type:

Merge Areas       Diverge Areas

$$S_{\text{FF}} := 60\text{mph}$$

$$S_{\text{FR}} := 45\text{mph}$$

### Downstream Adjacent Ramp

Yes       On  
 No       Off

$$L_{\text{down}} := 0\text{ft}$$

$$V_{\text{D}} := 0 \frac{\text{veh}}{\text{hr}}$$

\* For single-lane ramps, enter the length of the acceleration or deceleration lane on the "inner" option.

## Conversion to pc/h Under Base Conditions

| (pc/h)         | AADT<br>(veh/day) | K | D | V<br>(veh/h) | PHF | %HV | f <sub>p</sub> |
|----------------|-------------------|---|---|--------------|-----|-----|----------------|
| V <sub>F</sub> | 0                 | 0 | 0 | 2500         | 0.9 | 10  | 1              |
| V <sub>R</sub> | 0                 | 0 | 0 | 550          | 0.9 | 5   | 1              |
| V <sub>U</sub> | 0                 | 0 | 0 | 0            | 0   | 0   | 0              |
| V <sub>D</sub> | 0                 | 0 | 0 | 0            | 0   | 0   | 0              |

**Variables used in this section and not defined in HCM**

*Data*: input table of the Conversion to pc/h Under Base Conditions section  
*Terrain*: defines de type of terrain, 1 for Level, 2 for Rolling and 3 for Mountainous

**Renaming parameters**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{AADT} &:= \text{Data}^{\langle 0 \rangle} \\ \text{K} &:= \text{Data}^{\langle 1 \rangle} \\ \text{D} &:= \text{Data}^{\langle 2 \rangle} \\ \text{Vol} &:= \text{Data}^{\langle 3 \rangle} \\ \text{PHF} &:= \text{Data}^{\langle 4 \rangle} \\ \text{P}_T &:= \text{Data}^{\langle 5 \rangle} \\ \text{f}_p &:= \text{Data}^{\langle 6 \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

**Passenger-Car equivalents on extended freeway segments (see Exhibit 23-8)**

Create a vector of ET values, using the first row of Exhibit 23-8

$$E_T := \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 \\ 2.5 \\ 4.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Heavy-vehicle adjustment factor (see Equation 23-3)**

The term of Equation 23-3 related to  $P_R$  and  $E_R$  is not used in the computation because the %RVs is not entered in the input table.

The equation is computed only if a volume is defined for the given case ( $\text{Vol}_i \neq 0$ ).

$$f_{HV} := \begin{cases} f_3 \leftarrow 0 \\ \text{for } i \in 0..3 \\ f_i \leftarrow \frac{1}{1 + \frac{P_{T_i}}{100} \cdot (E_{T_{Terrain-1}} - 1)} \text{ if } \text{Vol}_i \neq 0 \\ f \end{cases}$$

**Volume**

If AADT is not entered ( $\text{Data}_{i,0} = 0$ ), the volume used in the computations is the one entered in the fourth column of the input table. Otherwise the volume is computed as  $\text{AADT} \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{D}$  )

$$V := \begin{cases} \text{for } i \in 0..3 \\ \left| \begin{aligned} V_i &\leftarrow \text{Vol}_i \text{ if } \text{AADT}_i = 0 \\ V_i &\leftarrow \text{AADT}_i \cdot \text{K}_i \cdot \text{D}_i \text{ otherwise} \end{aligned} \right. \\ V \end{cases}$$

**Flow rate under base conditions during peak 15 min of hour (see Equation 25-1)**

The flow rates values are rounded to the nearest integer.

$$i := 0..3$$

$$v_i := \text{round}\left(\frac{V_i}{\text{PHF}_i \cdot f_{\text{HV}_i} \cdot f_{\text{P}_i}}\right)$$

**Results table**

Results := augment( $f_{\text{HV}}$ ,  $v$ )

| (pc/h) | $f_{\text{HV}}$ | $v$ (pc/h) |
|--------|-----------------|------------|
| $v_F$  | 0.952           | 2917       |
| $v_R$  | 0.976           | 626        |
| $v_U$  | 0               | 0          |
| $v_D$  | 0               | 0          |

Results =

**Note:**  $f_{\text{HV}}$  and  $v$  cannot be displayed in the same table along with the rest of the parameters (as in the HCM worksheet), because  $f_{\text{HV}}$  and  $v$  depend on those parameters.

**Variables used in this section and not defined in HCM**

- Area:* defines type of area, 1 for Merge Areas and 2 for Diverge Areas
- Case:* defines the equation for  $P_{\text{FM}}$  for six-lane freeways
- Downstream:* defines whether a downstream adjacent ramp exists or not, 1 if yes and 2 if no
- $L_{Ao}$ : outer acceleration lane length
- $L_{Ai}$ : inner acceleration lane length
- $N_F$ : number of lanes on freeway segment in one direction
- $N_R$ : number of lanes on ramp
- OnOffDownstream:* 1 if the downstream adjacent ramp is On or 2 if it is Off
- OnOffUpstream:* 1 if the upstream adjacent ramp is On or 2 if it is Off
- Side:* defines the side of ramp, 1 if its is right-hand or 2 if left-hand
- Upstream:* defines whether a upstream adjacent ramp exists or not, 1 if yes and 2 if no

**Flow rates**

The values of the flow rates vector computed above, are used to create 4 new variables. This is done to facilitate the readability of the following equations.

$$v_F := v_0$$

$$v_R := v_1$$

$$v_U := v_2$$

$$v_D := v_3$$

## MERGE AREAS

### Estimation of $v_{12}$

#### Selecting equations for $P_{FM}$ for six-lane freeways (see Exhibit 25-6)

A case number is assigned to each of the rows of Exhibit 25-6. The first row is Case 1 and the last row is Case 9. The case number is used to select the equation to compute  $P_{FM}$ .

$$\text{Case} := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \text{Upstream} = 2 \wedge \text{Downstream} = 2 \\ 2 & \text{if } \text{Upstream} = 2 \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 1) \\ 3 & \text{if } \text{Upstream} = 2 \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 2) \\ 4 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 1) \wedge \text{Downstream} = 2 \\ 5 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 2) \wedge \text{Downstream} = 2 \\ 6 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 1) \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 1) \\ 7 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 1) \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 2) \\ 8 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 2) \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 1) \\ 9 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 2) \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 2) \end{cases}$$

#### Effective length of the acceleration lane (see Equation 25-6)

If the ramp has 2 lanes ( $N_R = 2$ ), the  $L_{Aeff}$  is computed with the Equation 25-6, otherwise  $L_{Aeff}$  is the inner acceleration lane length ( $L_{Ai}$ ).

$L_{A2}$  of Equation 25-6 is computed as  $L_{Ai} - L_{Ao}$ . The units are removed from the final values of  $L_{Aeff}$

$$L_A := \begin{cases} \frac{2 \cdot L_{Ao} + (L_{Ai} - L_{Ao})}{1ft} & \text{if } N_R = 2 \\ \frac{L_{Ai}}{1ft} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### Equilibrium distance (see Equations 25-2 and 25-3)

Remove units of  $S_{FR}$

$$S_{FR} := \frac{S_{FR}}{1\text{mph}}$$

This  $L_{EQm}$  is computed only for Merge Areas ( $\text{Area} = 1$ ) and if the number of lanes on freeway segment in one direction is 3 ( $N_F = 3$ ) (see Exhibit 25-5). For any other case  $L_{EQm}$  is 0.

If the equations to consider are Equations 2 and 1 (see Exhibit 25-5 and 25-6),  $\text{Case} = 5 \vee \text{Case} = 8$ ,  $L_{EQm}$  is computed using the Equation 25-2.

If the equations to consider are Equations 3 and 1 (see Exhibit 25-5 and 25-6),  $\text{Case} = 3 \vee \text{Case} = 7$ ,  $L_{EQm}$  is computed using the Equation 25-3.

The final values of  $L_{EQm}$  are rounded to the nearest integer.

$$L_{EQm} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 1 \\ \quad \text{if } N_F = 3 \\ \quad \quad \text{round} \left[ 0.214 \cdot (v_F + v_R) + 0.444 \cdot L_A + 52.32 \cdot S_{FR} - 2403 \right] & \text{if Case} = 5 \vee \text{Case} = 8 \\ \quad \quad \text{round} \left( \frac{v_D}{0.1096 + 0.000107 \cdot L_A} \right) & \text{if Case} = 3 \vee \text{Case} = 7 \\ \quad \quad 0 & \text{otherwise} \\ \quad 0 & \text{otherwise} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Proportion of approaching freeway flow remaining in Lanes 1 and 2 immediately upstream of merge (see Exhibit 25-5 and Page 25-9 for Special Case)**

Remove units of  $L_{up}$  and  $L_{down}$

$$L_{up} := \frac{L_{up}}{1ft}$$

$$L_{down} := \frac{L_{down}}{1ft}$$

This following procedure returns the value  $P_{FM}$  and the number of equation used to compute it. This procedure is computed only for Merge Areas (Area = 1).

If the number of lanes on ramp is 1 ( $N_R = 1$ ), the Exhibit 25-5 is used to compute  $P_{FM}$ . If the number of lanes in ramp is 2 ( $N_R = 2$ ), the procedure for special case, presented on Page 25-9, is used.

$$PFM\_Equation := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 1 \\ \quad \text{if } N_R = 1 \\ \quad \quad \text{if } N_F = 2 \\ \quad \quad \quad P_{FM} \leftarrow 1 \\ \quad \quad \quad Equation \leftarrow 0 \\ \quad \quad \text{if } N_F = 3 \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{if Case} = 1 \vee \text{Case} = 2 \vee \text{Case} = 4 \vee \text{Case} = 6 \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad P_{FM} \leftarrow 0.5775 + 0.000028 \cdot L_A \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad Equation \leftarrow 1 \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{if Case} = 5 \vee \text{Case} = 8 \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \text{if } L_{up} \geq L_{EQm} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad P_{FM} \leftarrow 0.5775 + 0.000028 \cdot L_A \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad Equation \leftarrow 1 \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \text{if } L_{up} < L_{EQm} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad P_{FM} \leftarrow 0.7289 - 0.0000135 \cdot (v_F + v_R) - 0.003296 + 0.000063 \cdot L_{up} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad Equation \leftarrow 2 \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{if Case} = 3 \vee \text{Case} = 7 \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \text{if } L_{down} \geq L_{EQm} \end{cases}$$

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down LEQm
| PFM ← 0.5775 + 0.000028·LA
| Equation ← 1
if Ldown < LEQm
| PFM ← 0.5487 + 0.2628· $\frac{v_D}{L_{down}}$ 
| Equation ← 3
if Case = 9
| PFM1 ← 0.5775 + 0.000028·LA
| PFM2 ← 0.7289 - 0.0000135·(vF + vR) - 0.003296 + 0.000063·Lup
| PFM3 ← 0.5487 + 0.2628· $\frac{v_D}{L_{down}}$ 
| PFM ← max(PFM1, PFM2, PFM3)
| Equation ← 1 if PFM = PFM1
| Equation ← 2 if PFM = PFM2
| Equation ← 3 if PFM = PFM3
if NF ≥ 4
| PFM ← 0.2178 - 0.000125·vR + 0.01115· $\frac{L_A}{S_{FR}}$ 
| Equation ← 4
if NR = 2
| PFM ← 1.000 if NF = 2
| PFM ← 0.555 if NF = 3
| PFM ← 0.209 if NF = 4
| Equation ← "SC"
otherwise
| PFM ← 0
| Equation ← 0
( PFM )
( Equation )

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Extract the value of  $P_{FM}$  from the procedure computed above

$P_{FM} := PFM\_Equation_0$

Extract the number of equation used to compute  $P_{FM}$  in the procedure computed above. The subscript  $m$  is used to refer to Merge Areas.

$Equation_m := PFM\_Equation_1$

**Specials cases: On-ramps on ten-lane freeways (five lanes in one direction)**  
 (see Exhibit 25-11 and Equation 25-7)

This procedure is computed only for Merge Areas (Area = 1) and if the number of lanes on the freeway segment is 5 ( $N_F = 5$ ) and the number of lanes on the ramp is 1 ( $N_R = 1$ ). Otherwise the values of  $v_F$  and  $N_F$  are not modified.

The approaching freeway flow in lane 5 ( $v_5$ ) is computed using the Exhibit 25-11 and then the effective approaching freeway flow in four-lane freeway segment ( $v_{F4eff}$ ) is computed with the Equation 25-7. The number of lanes on the freeway segment is changed to 4 ( $N \leftarrow 4$ ).

$$SC_1 := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 1 \\ \quad \text{if } N_F = 5 \wedge N_R = 1 \\ \quad \quad N \leftarrow 4 \\ \quad \quad v_5 \leftarrow 2500 \quad \text{if } v_F \geq 8500 \\ \quad \quad v_5 \leftarrow 0.285v_F \quad \text{if } 7500 \leq v_F < 8500 \\ \quad \quad v_5 \leftarrow 0.270v_F \quad \text{if } 6500 \leq v_F < 7500 \\ \quad \quad v_5 \leftarrow 0.240v_F \quad \text{if } 5500 \leq v_F < 6500 \\ \quad \quad v_5 \leftarrow 0.220v_F \quad \text{if } v_F < 5500 \\ \quad \quad v_{F4eff} \leftarrow v_F - v_5 \\ \quad \quad \begin{pmatrix} v_{F4eff} \\ N \end{pmatrix} \\ \quad \quad \begin{pmatrix} v_F \\ N_F \end{pmatrix} \text{ otherwise} \\ \quad \quad \begin{pmatrix} v_F \\ N_F \end{pmatrix} \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Extract the value of  $v_F$  from the procedure computed above

$$v_F := SC_{1_0}$$

Extract the number of lanes on the freeway segment from the procedure computed above.

$$N_F := SC_{1_1}$$

**Flow rate in lanes 1 and 2 of freeway immediately upstream of merge (see Exhibit 25-5)**

This equation is computed only for Merge Areas (Area = 1)

$$v_{12} := \begin{cases} v_F \cdot P_{FM} & \text{if Area} = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Units are added to  $v_{12}$ . The subscript  $m$  is used to refer to Merge Areas.

$$v_{12m} := v_{12} \cdot \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}}$$

**Special cases: Left-hand on-ramps (see Page 25-11)**

This procedure is computed only for Merge Areas (Area = 1) and if the ramp is on left-hand side (Side = 2). The  $v_{12}$  is modified depending on the number of lanes on the freeway segment.

$$SC_2 := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 1 \\ \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} v_{12} \text{ if Side} = 1 \\ \text{if Side} = 2 \\ \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} v_{12} \text{ if } N_F = 2 \\ 1.12 \cdot v_{12} \text{ if } N_F = 3 \\ 1.20 \cdot v_{12} \text{ if } N_F = 4 \end{array} \right. \\ v_{12} \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right. \end{cases}$$

Extract the value of  $v_f$  from the procedure computed above

$$v_{12} := SC_2$$

If the number of lanes on the freeway segment is 3 ( $N_F = 3$ ),  $v_{23}$  takes the value of  $v_{12}$  from the procedure for special case computed above. Units are added to the final value, even if it is 0. The subscript  $m$  is used to refer to Merge Areas.

$$v_{23m} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 1 \wedge \text{Side} = 2 \\ \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} SC_2 \cdot \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}} \text{ if } N_F = 3 \\ 0 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}} \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right. \\ 0 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}} \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If the number of lanes on the freeway segment is 4 ( $N_F = 4$ ),  $v_{34}$  takes the value of  $v_{12}$  from the procedure for special case computed above. Units are added to the final value, even if it is 0. The subscript  $m$  is used to refer to Merge Areas.

$$v_{34m} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 1 \wedge \text{Side} = 2 \\ \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} SC_2 \cdot \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}} \text{ if } N_F = 4 \\ 0 \cdot \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}} \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right. \\ 0 \cdot \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}} \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Capacity checks

### Maximum downstream freeway flow (see Exhibit 25-7)

A matrix is created with the values of maximum downstream freeway flow given in Exhibit 25-7.

$$\text{MaxV} := \begin{pmatrix} 4800 & 7200 & 9600 & 2400 \\ 4700 & 7050 & 9400 & 2350 \\ 4600 & 6900 & 9200 & 2300 \\ 4500 & 6750 & 9000 & 2250 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Total downstream freeway flow (see Page 25-7)

This equation is computed only for Merge Areas (Area = 1)

$$v_{\text{FOm}} := \begin{cases} v_{\text{F}} + v_{\text{R}} & \text{if Area} = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Total flow entering the ramp influence area (see Equation 25-4)

This equation is computed only for Merge Areas (Area = 1)

$$v_{\text{R12}} := \begin{cases} v_{12} + v_{\text{R}} & \text{if Area} = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Maximum $v_{\text{FO}}$ (see Exhibit 25-7)

Remove the units of  $S_{\text{FF}}$

$$S_{\text{FF}} := \frac{S_{\text{FF}}}{1\text{mph}}$$

This procedure is computed only for Merge Areas (Area = 1). The maximum downstream freeway flow is taken from Exhibit 25-7 (MaxV), based on the freeway free-flow speed ( $S_{\text{FF}}$ ) and the number of lanes in one direction ( $N_{\text{F}}$ ).

The expression  $\frac{|S_{\text{FF}} - 70|}{5}$  defines which row of the exhibit must be used. The expression gives values of 0, 1, 2 and 3 for values of  $S_{\text{FF}}$  of 70, 65, 60 and 55, respectively.

If  $N_{\text{F}}$  is greater than 4, the value in the fourth column of the exhibit is multiplied by  $N_{\text{F}}$  to get the maximum  $v_{\text{FO}}$ .

If  $S_{\text{FF}}$  is greater than 70, the first row of the exhibit is used.

$$\text{Max}_{\text{VFO}} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 1 \\ \quad \text{if } N_{\text{F}} \leq 4 \\ \quad \quad \begin{cases} \text{MaxV}_{\frac{|S_{\text{FF}}-70|}{5}, N_{\text{F}}-2} & \text{if } S_{\text{FF}} \leq 70 \\ \text{MaxV}_{0, N_{\text{F}}-2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases}
 \text{otherwise} \\
 \left| \begin{array}{l}
 \text{MaxV} \frac{|S_{FF}-70|}{5}, 3 \cdot N_F \text{ if } S_{FF} \leq 70 \\
 \text{MaxV}_{0,3} \cdot N_F \text{ otherwise}
 \end{array} \right. \\
 0 \text{ otherwise}
 \end{cases}$$

## LOS F?

Check whether the LOS is F or not.

If the actual value of  $v_{FO}$  is greater than the maximum, a LOS of F is assigned

$$\text{LOS}_{VFO} := \begin{cases}
 \text{if Area} = 1 \\
 \left| \begin{array}{l}
 \text{"Yes"} \text{ if } v_{FOm} > \text{Max}_{VFO} \\
 \text{"No"} \text{ otherwise}
 \end{array} \right. \\
 0 \text{ otherwise}
 \end{cases}$$

LOS of F is assigned to  $v_{R12}$  only if  $v_{FO}$  exceeds its maximum (LOS F). Otherwise the LOS is determined using the density (see below) (see Page 25-8).

$$\text{LOS}_{VR12} := \begin{cases}
 \text{if Area} = 1 \\
 \left| \begin{array}{l}
 \text{"Yes"} \text{ if } \text{LOS}_{VFO} = \text{"Yes"} \\
 \text{"No"} \text{ otherwise}
 \end{array} \right. \\
 0 \text{ otherwise}
 \end{cases}$$

## Results table

The limit of  $v_{R12}$  is always 4600, but it is only displayed for Merged Areas (if(Area = 1, 4600, 0)).

$$\text{CapacityChecks}_m := \begin{pmatrix} v_{FOm} & \text{Max}_{VFO} & \text{LOS}_{VFO} \\ v_{R12} & \text{if(Area} = 1, 4600, 0) & \text{LOS}_{VR12} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Level of service determination

### Density of merge influence area (see Equation 25-5)

This equation is computed only for Merge Areas (Area = 1) and if the LOS of  $v_{FO}$  is different than F. Otherwise the density is 0. The final value of the density is rounded to one decimal place.

$$D_R := \begin{cases}
 \text{if Area} = 1 \\
 \left| \begin{array}{l}
 \text{round}(5.475 + 0.00734v_R + 0.0078 \cdot v_{12} - 0.00627L_A, 1) \text{ if } \text{LOS}_{VFO} \neq \text{"Yes"} \\
 0 \text{ otherwise}
 \end{array} \right. \\
 0 \text{ otherwise}
 \end{cases}$$

### Function to evaluate LOS for merge and diverge areas (see Exhibit 25-4)

$$\text{LOS}(x) := \begin{cases} \text{"A"} & \text{if } x \leq 10 \\ \text{"B"} & \text{if } 10 < x \leq 20 \\ \text{"C"} & \text{if } 20 < x \leq 28 \\ \text{"D"} & \text{if } 28 < x \leq 35 \\ \text{"E"} & \text{if } x > 35 \end{cases}$$

### Level of service (see Exhibit 25-4)

Determine LOS only if  $v_{FO}$  does not exceed its limit ( $\text{LOS}_{VFO} \neq \text{"Yes"}$ ), otherwise the LOS is F.

$$\text{LOS}_m := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 1 & \\ \quad \begin{cases} \text{LOS}(D_R) & \text{if } \text{LOS}_{VFO} \neq \text{"Yes"} \\ \text{"F"} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} & \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Output $D_R$

Add units to the density value.

$$D_{Rm} := D_R \cdot \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{mi} \cdot \text{ln}}$$

### Speed estimation

#### Intermediate speed determination variable for merge area (see Exhibit 25-19)

This equation is computed only for Merge Areas (Area = 1)

$$M_S := \begin{cases} 0.321 + 0.0039 \cdot e^{\frac{v_{R12}}{1000}} - 0.002 \cdot \frac{L_A \cdot S_{FR}}{1000} & \text{if Area} = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### Space mean speed of vehicles within ramp influence area (see Exhibit 25-19)

This equation is computed only for Merge Areas (Area = 1)

$$S_R := \begin{cases} S_{FF} - (S_{FF} - 42) \cdot M_S & \text{if Area} = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### Average per-lane flow rate in outer lanes (see Equation 25-13)

Compute the number of outside lanes in one direction (not including acceleration or deceleration lanes or Lanes 1 and 2)

$$N_O := \begin{cases} N_F - 2 & \text{if } N_F > 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Compute  $v_{OA}$  if  $N_O$  is greater than 0.

$$v_{OA} := \begin{cases} \frac{v_F - v_{12}}{N_O} & \text{if } N_O > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Space mean speed of vehicles traveling in outer lanes (see Exhibit 25-19)

Compute  $S_O$  only for Merge Areas (Area = 1) and if  $N_O$  is greater than 0. Otherwise  $S_O$  is 0.

$$S_O := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 1 \\ \quad \text{if } N_O > 0 \\ \quad \quad \begin{cases} S_{FF} & \text{if } v_{OA} < 500 \\ S_{FF} - 0.0036 \cdot (v_{OA} - 500) & \text{if } 500 \leq v_{OA} \leq 2300 \\ S_{FF} - 6.53 - 0.006 \cdot (v_{OA} - 2300) & \text{if } v_{OA} > 2300 \end{cases} \\ \quad 0 & \text{otherwise} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Space mean speed for all vehicles (see Equation 25-14)

This equation is computed only for Merge Areas (Area = 1)

$$S := \begin{cases} \frac{v_{R12} + v_{OA} \cdot N_O}{\frac{v_{R12}}{S_R} + \frac{v_{OA} \cdot N_O}{S_O}} & \text{if Area} = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Output values

The speed values are rounded to one decimal place and units are added to the final values.

$$S_{Rm} := \text{round}(S_R, 1) \cdot \text{mph}$$

$$S_{Om} := \text{round}(S_O, 1) \cdot \text{mph}$$

$$S_m := \text{round}(S, 1) \cdot \text{mph}$$

## DIVERGE AREAS

### Estimation of $v_{12}$

### Selecting equations for $P_{FD}$ for six-lane freeways (see Exhibit 25-13)

A case number is assigned to each of the rows of Exhibit 25-13. The first row is Case 1 and the last row is Case 9. The case number is used to select the equation to compute  $P_{FD}$ .

$$\text{Case} := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \text{Upstream} = 2 \wedge \text{Downstream} = 2 \\ 2 & \text{if } \text{Upstream} = 2 \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 1) \\ 3 & \text{if } \text{Upstream} = 2 \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 2) \\ 4 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 1) \wedge \text{Downstream} = 2 \\ 5 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 2) \wedge \text{Downstream} = 2 \\ 6 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 1) \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 1) \\ 7 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 1) \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 2) \\ 8 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 2) \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 1) \\ 9 & \text{if } (\text{Upstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffUpstream} = 2) \wedge (\text{Downstream} = 1 \wedge \text{OnOffDownstream} = 2) \end{cases}$$

### Equilibrium distance (see Equations 25-8 and 25-9)

This  $L_{EQd}$  is computed only for Diverge Areas (Area = 2) and if the number of lanes on freeway segment in one direction is 3 ( $N_F = 3$ ) (see Exhibit 25-12). For any other case  $L_{EQd}$  is 0. The subscript  $d$  is used to refer to Diverge Areas.

If the equations to consider are Equations 6 and 5 (see Exhibit 25-12 and 25-13),  $\text{Case} = 4 \vee \text{Case} = 6$ ,  $L_{EQm}$  is computed using the Equation 25-8.

If the equations to consider are Equations 7 and 5 (see Exhibit 25-12 and 25-13),  $\text{Case} = 3 \vee \text{Case} = 9$ ,  $L_{EQm}$  is computed using the Equation 25-9.

The final values of  $L_{EQm}$  are rounded to the nearest integer.

$$L_{EQd} := \begin{cases} \text{if } \text{Area} = 2 \\ \quad \text{if } N_F = 3 \\ \quad \quad \text{round} \left( \frac{v_U}{0.071 + 0.000023v_F - 0.000076v_R} \right) & \text{if } \text{Case} = 4 \vee \text{Case} = 6 \\ \quad \quad \text{round} \left( \frac{v_D}{1.15 - 0.000032v_F - 0.000369v_R} \right) & \text{if } \text{Case} = 3 \vee \text{Case} = 9 \\ \quad \quad 0 & \text{otherwise} \\ \quad 0 & \text{otherwise} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Proportion of through freeway flow remaining in Lanes 1 and 2 immediately upstream of diverge (see Exhibit 25-12 and Page 25-15 for Special Case)

This following procedure returns the value  $P_{FD}$  and the number of equation used to compute it. This procedure is computed only for Diverge Areas (Area = 2).

If the number of lanes on ramp is 1 ( $N_R = 1$ ), the Exhibit 25-12 is used to compute  $P_{FM}$ . If the number of lanes in ramp is 2 ( $N_R = 2$ ), the procedure for special case, presented on Page 25-15, is used.

$$\text{PFD\_Equation} := \begin{cases} \text{if } \text{Area} = 2 \\ \quad \text{if } N_R = 1 \\ \quad \quad \text{if } N_F = 2 \\ \quad \quad \quad P_{FD} \leftarrow 1 \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{Equation} \leftarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

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Equation ← 5
if  $N_F = 3$ 
  if  $\text{Case} = 1 \vee \text{Case} = 2 \vee \text{Case} = 5 \vee \text{Case} = 8$ 
     $P_{FD} \leftarrow 0.760 - 0.000025 \cdot v_F - 0.000046 \cdot v_R$ 
    Equation ← 5
  if  $\text{Case} = 4 \vee \text{Case} = 6$ 
    if  $L_{up} \geq L_{EQd}$ 
       $P_{FD} \leftarrow 0.760 - 0.000025 \cdot v_F - 0.000046 \cdot v_R$ 
      Equation ← 5
    if  $L_{up} < L_{EQd}$ 
       $P_{FD} \leftarrow 0.717 - 0.000039 \cdot v_F + 0.604 \cdot \frac{v_U}{L_{up}}$ 
      Equation ← 6
  if  $\text{Case} = 3 \vee \text{Case} = 9$ 
    if  $L_{down} \geq L_{EQd}$ 
       $P_{FD} \leftarrow 0.760 - 0.000025 \cdot v_F - 0.000046 \cdot v_R$ 
      Equation ← 5
    if  $L_{down} < L_{EQd}$ 
       $P_{FD} \leftarrow 0.616 - 0.000021 \cdot v_F + 0.1248 \cdot \frac{v_D}{L_{down}}$ 
      Equation ← 7
  if  $\text{Case} = 7$ 
     $P_{FD1} \leftarrow 0.760 - 0.000025 \cdot v_F - 0.000046 \cdot v_R$ 
     $P_{FD2} \leftarrow 0.717 - 0.000039 \cdot v_F + 0.604 \cdot \frac{v_U}{L_{up}}$ 
     $P_{FD3} \leftarrow 0.616 - 0.000021 \cdot v_F + 0.1248 \cdot \frac{v_D}{L_{down}}$ 
     $P_{FD} \leftarrow \max(P_{FD1}, P_{FD2}, P_{FD3})$ 
    Equation ← 5 if  $P_{FD} = P_{FD1}$ 
    Equation ← 6 if  $P_{FD} = P_{FD2}$ 
    Equation ← 7 if  $P_{FD} = P_{FD3}$ 
  if  $N_F \geq 4$ 
     $P_{FD} \leftarrow 0.436$ 
    Equation ← 8
if  $N_R = 2$ 
   $P_{FM} \leftarrow 1.000$  if  $N_F = 2$ 
   $P_{FM} \leftarrow 0.450$  if  $N_F = 3$ 

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$$\begin{cases} P_{FM} \leftarrow 0.260 & \text{if } N_F = 4 \\ \text{Equation} \leftarrow \text{"SC"} \\ \text{otherwise} \\ P_{FD} \leftarrow 0 \\ \text{Equation} \leftarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_{FD} \\ \text{Equation} \end{pmatrix}$$

Extract the value of  $P_{FD}$  from the procedure computed above

$$P_{FD} := \text{PFD\_Equation}_0$$

Extract the number of equation used to compute  $P_{FD}$  in the procedure computed above. The subscript  $d$  is used to refer to Diverge Areas.

$$\text{Equation}_d := \text{PFD\_Equation}_1$$

**Specials cases: Off-ramps on ten-lane freeways (five lanes in one direction) (see Exhibit 25-18 and Equation 25-7)**

This procedure is computed only for Diverge Areas ( $\text{Area} = 2$ ) and if the number of lanes on the freeway segment is 5 ( $N_F = 5$ ) and the number of lanes on the ramp is 1 ( $N_R = 1$ ). Otherwise the values of  $v_F$  and  $N_F$  are not modified.

The approaching freeway flow in lane 5 ( $v_5$ ) is computed using the Exhibit 25-18 and then the effective approaching freeway flow in four-lane freeway segment ( $v_{F4\text{eff}}$ ) is computed with the Equation 25-7. The number of lanes on the freeway segment is changed to 4 ( $N \leftarrow 4$ ).

$$\text{SC}_1 := \begin{cases} \text{if } \text{Area} = 2 \\ \begin{cases} \text{if } N_F = 5 \wedge N_R = 1 \\ N \leftarrow 4 \\ v_5 \leftarrow 0.2v_F & \text{if } v_F \geq 7000 \\ v_5 \leftarrow 0.15v_F & \text{if } 5500 \leq v_F < 7000 \\ v_5 \leftarrow 0.10v_F & \text{if } 4000 \leq v_F < 5500 \\ v_5 \leftarrow 0 & \text{if } v_F < 4000 \\ v_{F4\text{eff}} \leftarrow v_F - v_5 \\ \begin{pmatrix} v_{F4\text{eff}} \\ N \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} v_F \\ N_F \end{pmatrix} & \text{otherwise} \\ \begin{pmatrix} v_F \\ N_F \end{pmatrix} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Extract the value of  $v_F$  from the procedure computed above

$$v_F := SC_{10}$$

Extract the number of lanes on the freeway segment from the procedure computed above.

$$N_F := SC_{11}$$

### Flow rate in lanes 1 and 2 of freeway immediately upstream of diverge (see Exhibit 25-12)

This equation is computed only for Diverge Areas (Area = 2)

$$v_{12} := \begin{cases} v_R + (v_F - v_R) \cdot P_{FD} & \text{if Area} = 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Units are added to  $v_{12}$ . The subscript  $d$  is used to refer to Diverge Areas.

$$v_{12d} := v_{12} \cdot \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}}$$

### Special cases: Left-hand off-ramps (see Page 25-17)

This procedure is computed only for Diverge Areas (Area = 2) and if the ramp is on left-hand side (Side = 2).

The  $v_{12}$  is modified depending on the number of lanes on the freeway segment.

$$SC_2 := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 2 \\ \quad \begin{cases} v_{12} & \text{if Side} = 1 \\ \text{if Side} = 2 \\ \quad \begin{cases} v_{12} & \text{if } N_F = 2 \\ 1.05 \cdot v_{12} & \text{if } N_F = 3 \\ 1.10 \cdot v_{12} & \text{if } N_F = 4 \end{cases} \end{cases} \\ v_{12} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Extract the value of  $v_F$  from the procedure computed above

$$v_{12} := SC_2$$

If the number of lanes on the freeway segment is 3 ( $N_F = 3$ ),  $v_{23}$  takes the value of  $v_{12}$  from the procedure for special case computed above. Units are added to the final value, even if it is 0. The subscript  $d$  is used to refer to Diverge Areas.

$$v_{23d} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 2 \wedge \text{Side} = 2 \\ \quad \begin{cases} SC_2 \cdot \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}} & \text{if } N_F = 3 \\ 0 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ 0 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If the number of lanes on the freeway segment is 4 ( $N_F = 4$ ),  $v_{34}$  takes the value of  $v_{12}$  from the procedure for special case computed above. Units are added to the final value, even if it is 0. The subscript  $d$  is used to refer to Diverge Areas.

$$v_{34d} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 2 \wedge \text{Side} = 2 \\ \left| \begin{array}{l} SC_2 \cdot \frac{pc}{hr} \text{ if } N_F = 4 \\ 0 \cdot \frac{pc}{hr} \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right. \\ 0 \cdot \frac{pc}{hr} \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Capacity checks

#### Capacity of ramp roadways (see Exhibit 25-3)

A matrix is created with the values of the approximate capacity of ramp roadways given in Exhibit 25-3. The first column correspond to single-lane ramps and the second column to two-lane ramps

$$\text{MaxVR} := \begin{pmatrix} 2200 & 4400 \\ 2100 & 4100 \\ 2000 & 3800 \\ 1900 & 3500 \\ 1800 & 3200 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Maximum upstream or downstream freeway flow (see Exhibit 25-14)

A matrix is created with the values of maximum upstream or downstream freeway flow given in Exhibit 25-14.

$$\text{MaxV} := \begin{pmatrix} 4800 & 7200 & 9600 & 2400 \\ 4700 & 7050 & 9400 & 2350 \\ 4600 & 6900 & 9200 & 2300 \\ 4500 & 6750 & 9000 & 2250 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Maximum upstream freeway flow (see HCM Worksheet)

$$v_{FI} := \begin{cases} v_F \text{ if Area} = 2 \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### Total downstream freeway flow (see HCM Worksheet)

$$v_{FOd} := \begin{cases} v_F - v_R \text{ if Area} = 2 \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Maximum $v_{FI}$ and $v_{FO}$ (see Exhibit 25-14)

This procedure is computed only for Diverge Areas (Area = 2). The maximum upstream or downstream freeway flow is taken from Exhibit 25-14 (MaxV), based on the freeway free-flow speed ( $S_{FF}$ ) and the number of lanes in one direction ( $N_F$ ).

The expression  $\frac{|S_{FF} - 70|}{5}$  defines which row of the exhibit must be used. The expression gives values of 0, 1, 2 and 3 for values of  $S_{FF}$  of 70, 65, 60 and 55, respectively.

If  $N_F$  is greater than 4, the value in the fourth column of the exhibit is multiplied by  $N_F$  to get the maximum  $v_{FO}$ . If  $S_{FF}$  is greater than 70, the first row of the exhibit is used.

$$\text{Max}_{v_{FOI}} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 2 \\ \quad \text{if } N_F \leq 4 \\ \quad \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{MaxV} \frac{|S_{FF}-70|}{5}, N_F-2 \quad \text{if } S_{FF} \leq 70 \\ \text{MaxV}_{0, N_F-2} \quad \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right. \\ \quad \text{otherwise} \\ \quad \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{MaxV} \frac{|S_{FF}-70|}{5} \cdot N_F, 3 \quad \text{if } S_{FF} \leq 70 \\ \text{MaxV}_{0,3} \cdot N_F \quad \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right. \\ 0 \quad \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Maximum $v_R$ (see Exhibit 25-3)

The free-flow speed of ramp ( $S_{FR}$ ) defines which row of Exhibit 25-3 must be used and the number of lanes on ramp ( $N_R$ ) defines the column.

$$\text{Max}_{v_R} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 2 \\ \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} j \leftarrow 0 \quad \text{if } S_{FR} \geq 50 \\ j \leftarrow 1 \quad \text{if } 40 \leq S_{FR} < 50 \\ j \leftarrow 2 \quad \text{if } 30 \leq S_{FR} < 40 \\ j \leftarrow 3 \quad \text{if } 20 \leq S_{FR} < 30 \\ j \leftarrow 4 \quad \text{if } S_{FR} < 20 \end{array} \right. \\ \quad \text{Max}_{v_R}_{j, N_R-1} \\ 0 \quad \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### LOS F?

Check whether the LOS is F or not.

If the actual value of  $v_{FI}$  is greater than the maximum, a LOS of F is assigned

$$\text{LOS}_{\text{VFI}} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 2 \\ \quad \begin{cases} \text{"Yes"} & \text{if } v_{\text{FI}} > \text{Max}_{\text{VFOI}} \\ \text{"No"} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If the actual value of  $v_{12}$  is greater than the maximum (4400), a LOS of F is assigned

$$\text{LOS}_{\text{V12}} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 2 \\ \quad \begin{cases} \text{"Yes"} & \text{if } v_{12} > 4400 \\ \text{"No"} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If the actual value of  $v_{\text{FO}}$  is greater than the maximum, a LOS of F is assigned

$$\text{LOS}_{\text{VFO}} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 2 \\ \quad \begin{cases} \text{"Yes"} & \text{if } v_{\text{FOd}} > \text{Max}_{\text{VFOI}} \\ \text{"No"} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If the actual value of  $v_{\text{R}}$  is greater than the maximum, a LOS of F is assigned

$$\text{LOS}_{\text{VR}} := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 2 \\ \quad \begin{cases} \text{"Yes"} & \text{if } v_{\text{R}} > \text{Max}_{\text{VR}} \\ \text{"No"} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Results table

The limit of  $v_{12}$  is always 4400, but it is only displayed for Diverge Areas (if(Area = 2, 4400, 0)).

$v_{\text{R}}$  is only displayed for Diverge Areas (if(Area = 2,  $v_{\text{R}}$ , 0)).

$$\text{CapacityChecks}_d := \begin{pmatrix} v_{\text{FI}} & \text{Max}_{\text{VFOI}} & \text{LOS}_{\text{VFI}} \\ v_{12} & \text{if}(\text{Area} = 2, 4400, 0) & \text{LOS}_{\text{V12}} \\ v_{\text{FOd}} & \text{Max}_{\text{VFOI}} & \text{LOS}_{\text{VFO}} \\ \text{if}(\text{Area} = 2, v_{\text{R}}, 0) & \text{Max}_{\text{VR}} & \text{LOS}_{\text{VR}} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Level of service determination

### Effective length of the deceleration lane (see Equation 25-11)

If the ramp has 2 lanes ( $N_R = 2$ ), the  $L_{D_{\text{eff}}}$  is computed with the Equation 25-11, otherwise  $L_{D_{\text{eff}}}$  is the inner deceleration lane length ( $L_{D_i}$ ).

$L_{D_2}$  of Equation 25-11 is computed as  $L_{D_i} - L_{D_0}$ . The units are removed from the final values of  $L_{A_{\text{eff}}}$

$$L_D := \begin{cases} \frac{2 \cdot L_{D_0} + (L_{D_i} - L_{D_0})}{1\text{ft}} & \text{if } N_R = 2 \\ \frac{L_{D_i}}{1\text{ft}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Density of merge influence area (see Equation 25-10)

This equation is computed only for Diverge Areas ( $\text{Area} = 2$ ) and if all of the capacity checks performed above give a LOS different than F. Otherwise the density is 0. The final value of the density is rounded to one decimal place.

$$D_R := \begin{cases} \text{if } \text{Area} = 2 \\ \quad \left| \begin{cases} \text{round}(4.252 + 0.0086 \cdot v_{12} - 0.009 L_D, 1) & \text{if } \text{LOS}_{VFI} \neq \text{"Yes"} \wedge \text{LOS}_{VFO} \neq \text{"Yes"} \wedge \text{LOS}_{VR} \neq \text{"Yes"} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Level of service (see Exhibit 25-4)

Determine LOS only if all of the capacity checks performed above give a LOS different than F, otherwise the LOS is F. The LOS is evaluated using the function defined in the Merge Areas section (see above).

$$\text{LOS}_d := \begin{cases} \text{if } \text{Area} = 2 \\ \quad \left| \begin{cases} \text{LOS}(D_R) & \text{if } \text{LOS}_{VFI} \neq \text{"Yes"} \wedge \text{LOS}_{VFO} \neq \text{"Yes"} \wedge \text{LOS}_{VR} \neq \text{"Yes"} \\ \text{"F"} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Output $D_R$

Add units to the density value.

$$D_{Rd} := D_R \cdot \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{mi} \cdot \text{ln}}$$

## Speed estimation

### Intermediate speed determination variable for diverge area (see Exhibit 25-19)

This equation is computed only for Diverge Areas ( $\text{Area} = 2$ )

$$D_S := \begin{cases} 0.883 + 0.00009 \cdot v_R - 0.013 S_{FR} & \text{if } \text{Area} = 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Space mean speed of vehicles within ramp influence area (see Exhibit 25-19)

This equation is computed only for Diverge Areas (Area = 2)

$$S_R := \begin{cases} S_{FF} - (S_{FF} - 42) \cdot D_S & \text{if Area} = 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Average per-lane flow rate in outer lanes (see Equation 25-13)

Compute the number of outside lanes in one direction (not including acceleration or deceleration lanes or Lanes 1 and 2)

$$N_O := \begin{cases} N_F - 2 & \text{if } N_F > 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Compute  $V_{OA}$  if  $N_O$  is greater than 0.

$$v_{OA} := \begin{cases} \frac{v_F - v_{12}}{N_O} & \text{if } N_O > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Space mean speed of vehicles traveling in outer lanes (see Exhibit 25-19)

Compute  $S_O$  only for Diverge Areas (Area = 2) and if  $N_O$  is greater than 0. Otherwise  $S_O$  is 0.

$$S_O := \begin{cases} \text{if Area} = 2 \\ \begin{cases} \text{if } N_O > 0 \\ \begin{cases} 1.097S_{FF} & \text{if } v_{OA} < 1000 \\ 1.097S_{FF} - 0.0039 \cdot (v_{OA} - 1000) & \text{if } v_{OA} \geq 1000 \end{cases} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Space mean speed for all vehicles (see Equation 25-15)

This equation is computed only for Diverge Areas (Area = 2)

$$S := \begin{cases} \frac{v_{12} + v_{OA} \cdot N_O}{\frac{v_{12}}{S_R} + \frac{v_{OA} \cdot N_O}{S_O}} & \text{if Area} = 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Output values

The speed values are rounded to one decimal place and units are added to the final values.

$$S_{Rd} := \text{round}(S_R, 1) \cdot \text{mph}$$

$$S_{Od} := \text{round}(S_O, 1) \cdot \text{mph}$$

$$S_d := \text{round}(S, 1) \cdot \text{mph}$$

## Merge Areas

### Estimation of $v_{12}$

$$v_{12} = v_F \cdot P_{FM}$$

$$L_{EQm} = 0 \quad (\text{Equation 25-2 or 25-3})$$

$$P_{FM} = 1 \quad \text{using Equation}_{m=0} \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-5})$$

$$v_{12m} = 2917 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}}$$

$$v_{23m} = 0 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}}$$

$$v_{34m} = 0 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}}$$

**Note:** the display of  $v_{23}$  and  $v_{34}$  is additional to the HCM worksheet

### Capacity Checks

|           | Actual | Maximum | LOS F? |
|-----------|--------|---------|--------|
| $V_{FO}$  | 3543   | 4600    | "No"   |
| $V_{R12}$ | 3543   | 4600    | "No"   |

$$\text{CapacityChecks}_m =$$

### Level-of-Service Determination (if not F)

$$D_R = 5.475 + 0.00734 v_R + 0.0078 v_{12} - 0.00627 L_A$$

$$D_{Rm} = 28.1 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{mi} \cdot \text{ln}}$$

$$\text{LOS}_m = \text{"D"} \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-4})$$

### Speed Estimation

$$M_S = 0.388 \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-19})$$

$$S_{Rm} = 53 \text{ mph} \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-19})$$

$$S_{Om} = 0 \text{ mph} \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-19})$$

$$S_m = 53 \text{ mph} \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-14})$$

## Diverge Areas

### Estimation of $v_{12}$

$$v_{12} = v_R + (v_F - v_R) \cdot P_{FD}$$

$$L_{EQd} = 0 \quad (\text{Equation 25-8 or 25-9})$$

$$P_{FD} = 0 \quad \text{using Equation}_{d=0} \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-12})$$

$$v_{12d} = 0 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}}$$

$$v_{23d} = 0 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}}$$

$$v_{34d} = 0 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{hr}}$$

### Capacity Checks

|           | Actual | Maximum | LOS F? |
|-----------|--------|---------|--------|
| $V_{FI}$  | 0      | 0       | 0      |
| $V_{12}$  | 0      | 0       | 0      |
| $V_{FO}$  | 0      | 0       | 0      |
| $V_{R12}$ | 0      | 0       | 0      |

$$\text{CapacityChecks}_d =$$

### Level-of-Service Determination (if not F)

$$D_R = 4.252 + 0.0086 v_{12} - 0.009 L_D$$

$$D_{Rd} = 0 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{mi} \cdot \text{ln}}$$

$$\text{LOS}_d = 0 \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-4})$$

### Speed Estimation

$$D_S = 0 \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-19})$$

$$S_{Rd} = 0 \text{ mph} \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-19})$$

$$S_{Od} = 0 \text{ mph} \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-19})$$

$$S_d = 0 \text{ mph} \quad (\text{Exhibit 25-15})$$