

TS 4273: Traffic Engineering

Traffic Stream Characteristics

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Traffic Flow and Water Flow ?

Type Of Facilities

- **Uninterrupted**

These facilities are those on which no external factors cause periodic interruption to the traffic stream.



Type Of Facilities

- **Uninterrupted**

Example: freeways, limited-access facilities, where there are no traffic signal, stop or yield signs, or surface intersections. It may also exist in long sections of rural highway between signalized intersections.

Type Of Facilities

- **Interrupted**

These facilities have external devices that periodically interrupt traffic flow (the principal device creating interrupted flow is the traffic signal).



Traffic Stream Parameters

- **Macroscopic**

describe the traffic stream as a whole.

Traffic stream may be described macroscopically by these parameters:

- Volume or rate of flow
- Speed
- Density

Traffic Stream Parameters

- **Microscopic**

describe the behavior of individual vehicles or pairs of vehicles within the traffic stream.

Traffic stream may be described microscopically by these parameters:

- The speed of individual vehicles
- Headway
- Spacing

Volume Patterns

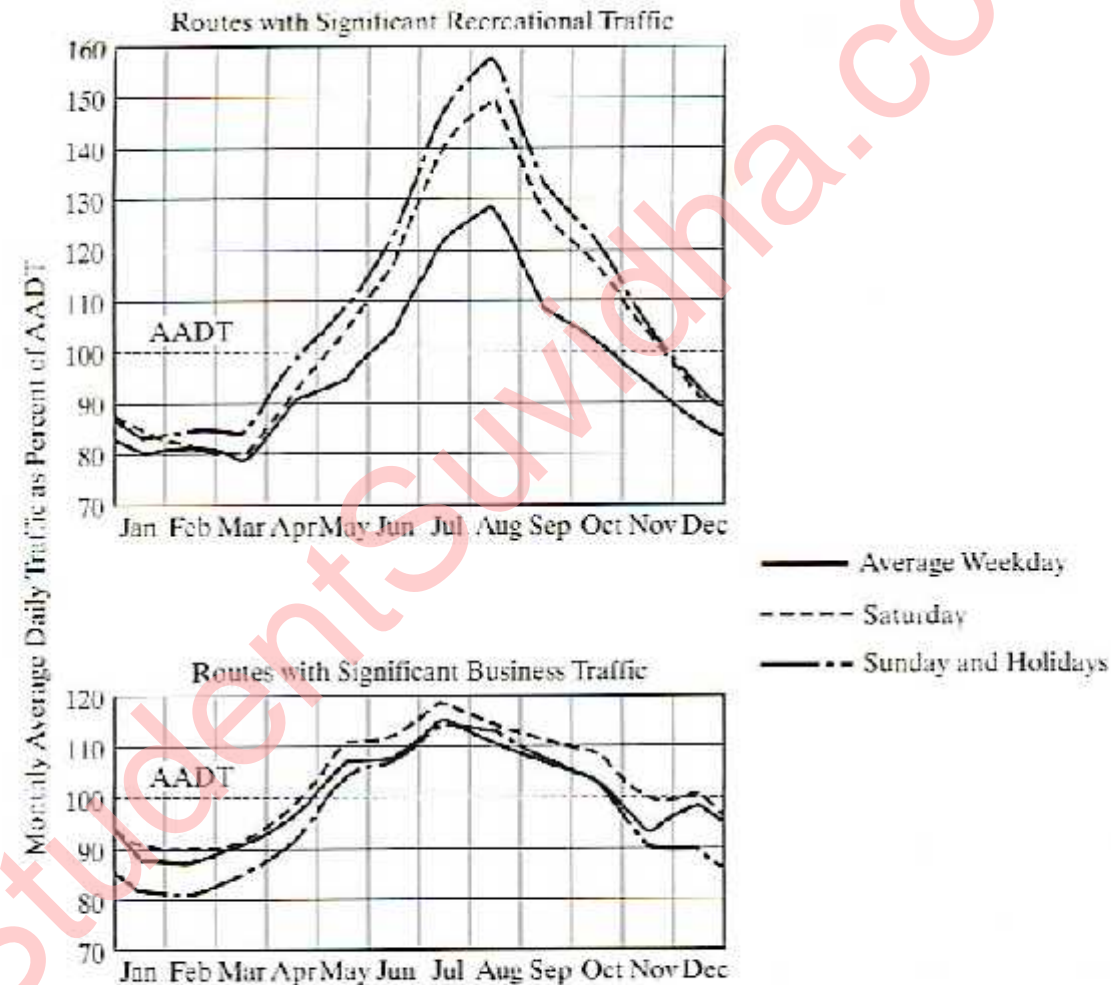
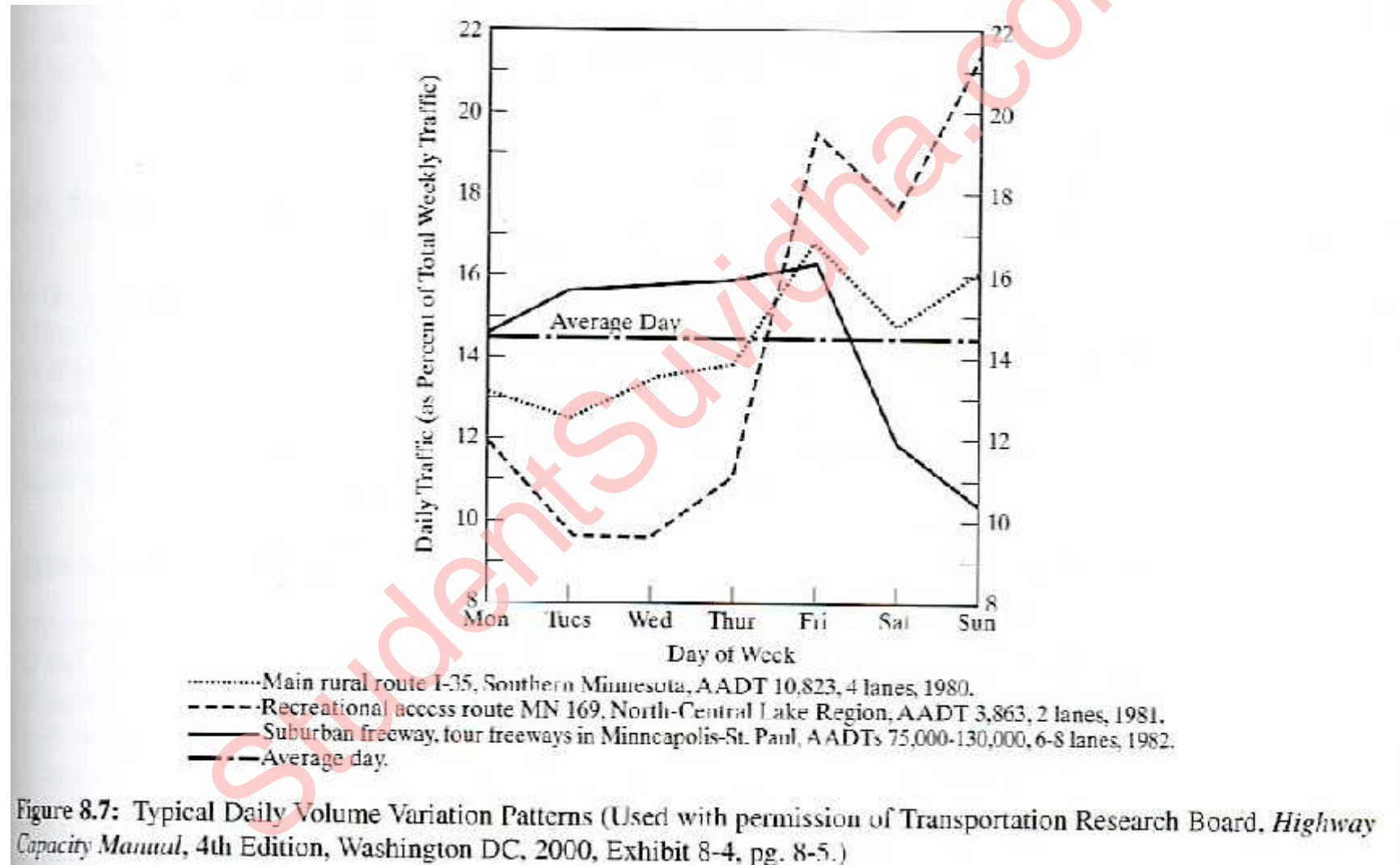


Figure 8.8: Typical Monthly Variation Patterns (Used with permission of Transportation Research Board, *Highway Capacity Manual*, 4th Edition, Washington DC, 2000, Exhibit 8-2, pg. 8-3.)

Volume Patterns (contd.)



Volume and Rate of Flow

Traffic volume is defined as the number of vehicles that pass a point on a highway, or a given lane or direction of a highway, during a specified time interval.

Daily Volumes

Daily volumes are used to establish trends over time and for planning purposes. Daily volumes generally are not differentiated by direction or lane but are totals for an entire facility at the specified location.

Volume and Rate of Flow

There are four daily volume parameters that are widely used in traffic engineering:

- Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)
- Annual Average Weekday Traffic (AAWT)
- Average Daily Traffic (ADT)
- Average Weekday Traffic (AWT)

All of these volumes are stated in terms of vehicles per day (vpd).

Daily Volumes

- Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): is the average 24-hour traffic volume at a given location over a full 365-day year – that is the total number of vehicles passing the site in a year divided by 365.
- Annual Average Weekday Traffic (AAWT): is the average 24-hour traffic volume occurring on weekdays over a full year. AAWT is computed by dividing the total weekday traffic volume for the year by 260. This volume is of considerable interest where weekend traffic is light, so that averaging higher weekday volumes over 365 days would mask the impact of weekday traffic.

Daily Volumes (contd.)

- Average Daily Traffic (ADT): is an average 24-hour traffic volume at a given location for some period of time less than a year. While an AADT is for a full year, an ADT may be measured for six months, a season, a month, a week, or as little as two day. an ADT is a valid number only for the period over which it was measure.
- Average Weekday Traffic (AWT): is an average 24-hour traffic volume occurring on weekdays for some period of time less than one year, such as for a month or a season. The relationship between AAWT and AWT is analogous to that between AADT and ADT.

Daily Volumes (contd.)

- AADT and AAWT are used for several transportation analyses:
 - Computation of accident rates in terms of 100 million vehicles miles
 - Establishment of traffic volume trends
 - Evaluation of the economic feasibility of highway projects
 - Development of freeway and major arterial street systems
 - Development of improvement and maintenance programs
- ADT and AWT are used for several transportation analyses:
 - Measurement of current demand
 - Evaluation of existing traffic flow

Illustration of Daily Volume Parameters

1 Month	2 No. of Weekdays In Month (days)	3 Total Days in Month (days)	4 Total Monthly Volume (vehs)	5 Total Weekday Volume (vehs)	6 AWT [5/2]	7 ADT [4/3]
Jan	22	31	425,000	208,000	9,455	13,710
Feb	20	28	410,000	220,000	11,000	14,643
Mar	22	31	385,000	185,000	8,409	12,419
Apr	22	30	400,000	200,000	9,091	13,333
May	21	31	450,000	215,000	10,238	14,516
Jun	22	30	500,000	230,000	10,455	16,667
Jul	23	31	580,000	260,000	11,304	18,710
Aug	21	31	570,000	260,000	12,381	18,387
Sep	22	30	490,000	205,000	9,318	16,333
Oct	22	31	420,000	190,000	8,636	13,548
Nov	21	30	415,000	200,000	9,524	13,833
Dec	22	31	400,000	210,000	9,545	12,903
Total	260	365	5,445,000	2,583,000		

$$AADT = \frac{5,445,000}{365} = 14,918 \text{ veh/day}$$

$$AAWT = \frac{2,583,000}{260} = 9,935 \text{ veh/day}$$

Hourly Volumes

Daily volumes, while useful for planning purposes, cannot be used alone for design or operational analysis purposes.

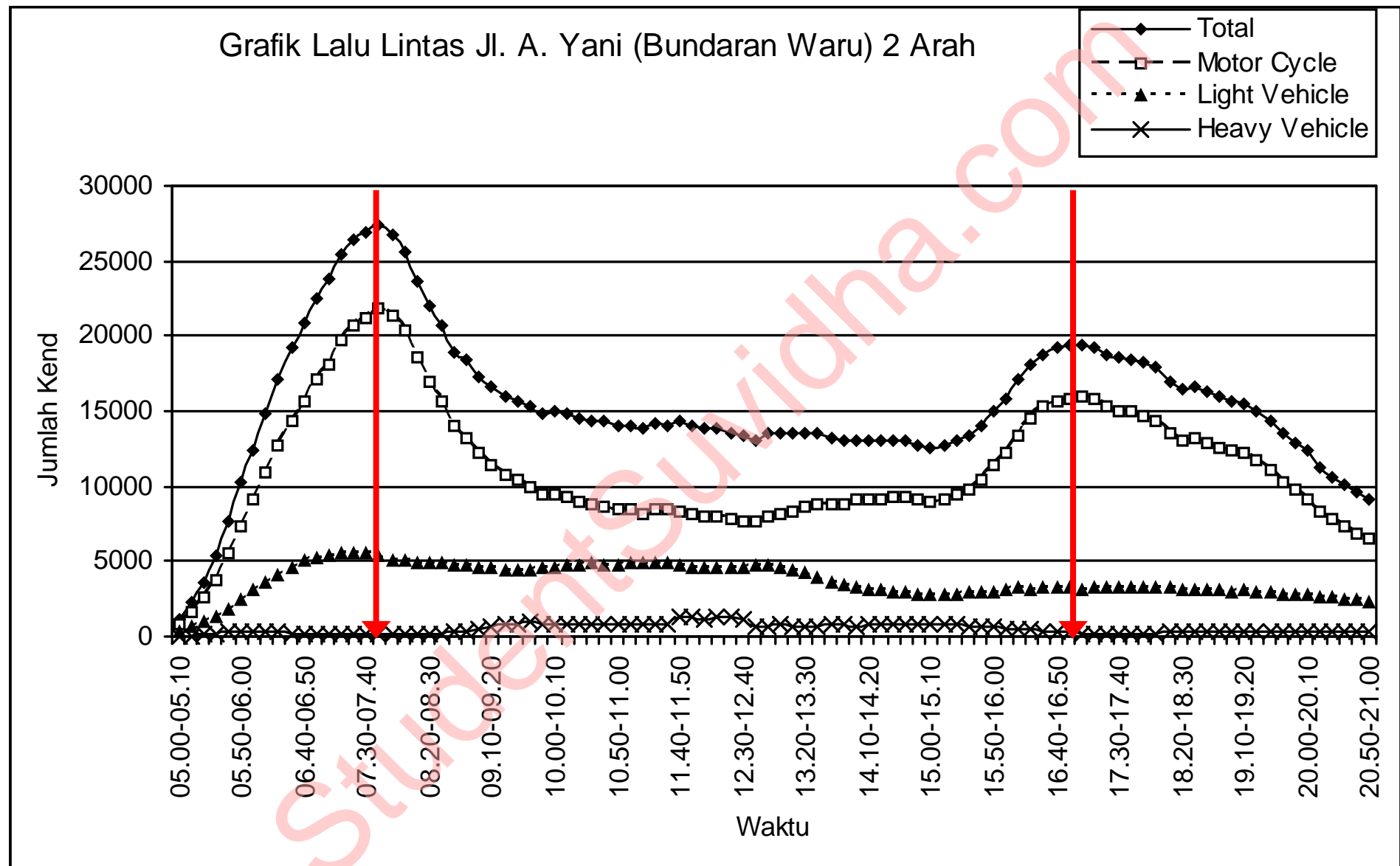
Volume varies considerably over the 24 hours of the day, with periods of maximum flow occurring during the morning and evening commuter “rush hours”.

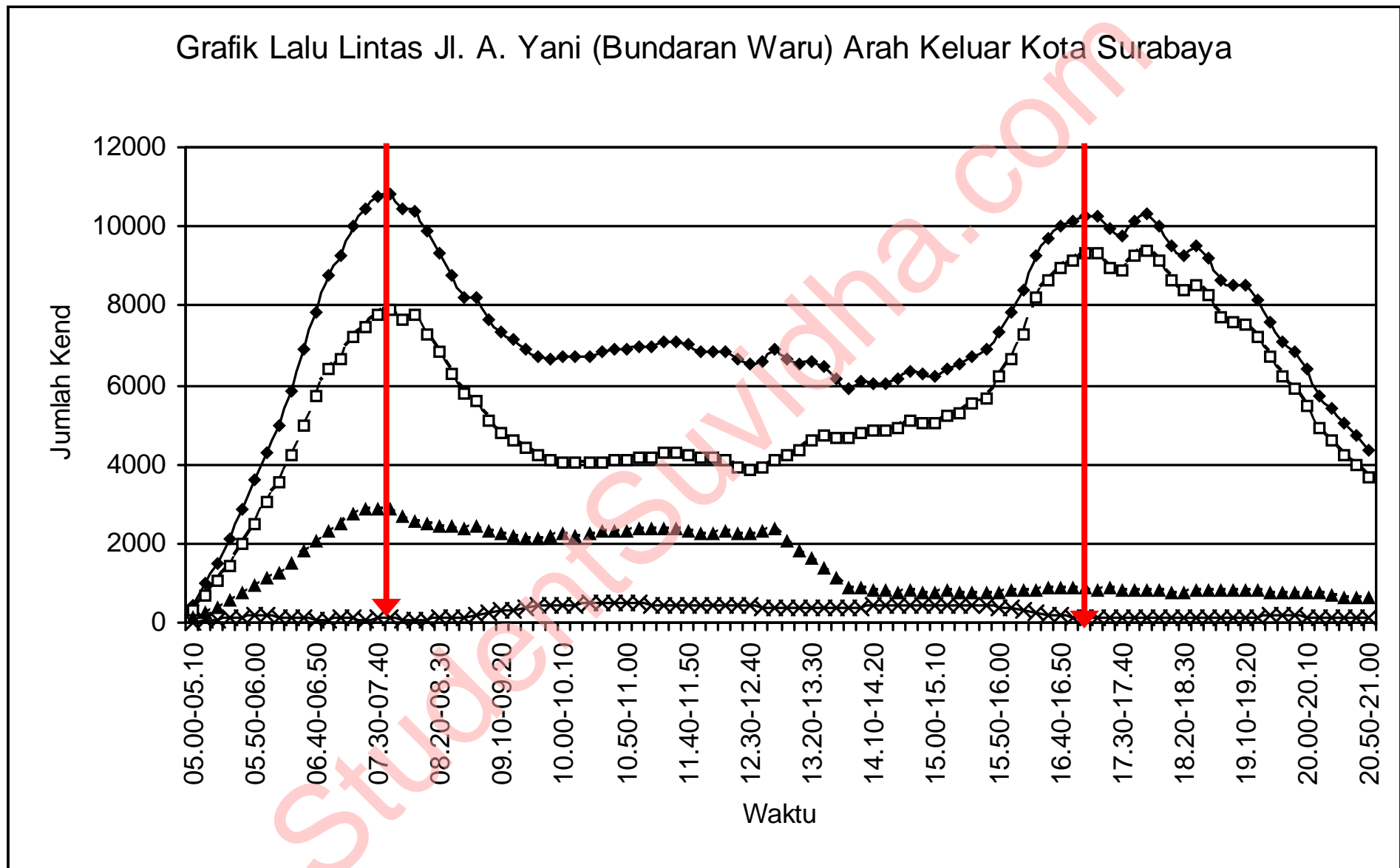
Hourly Volumes

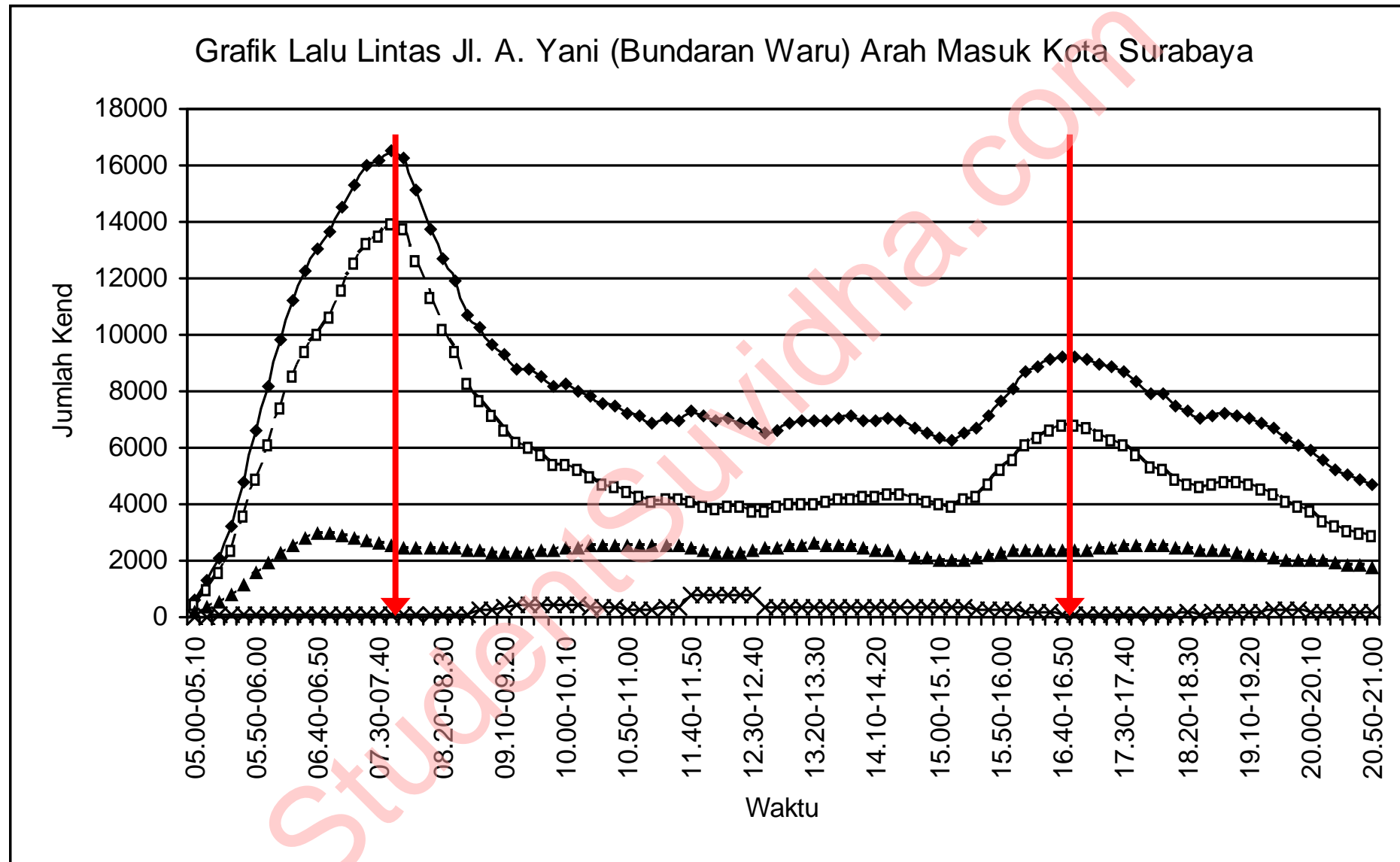
The single hour of the day that has the highest hourly volume is referred to as the “peak hour”.

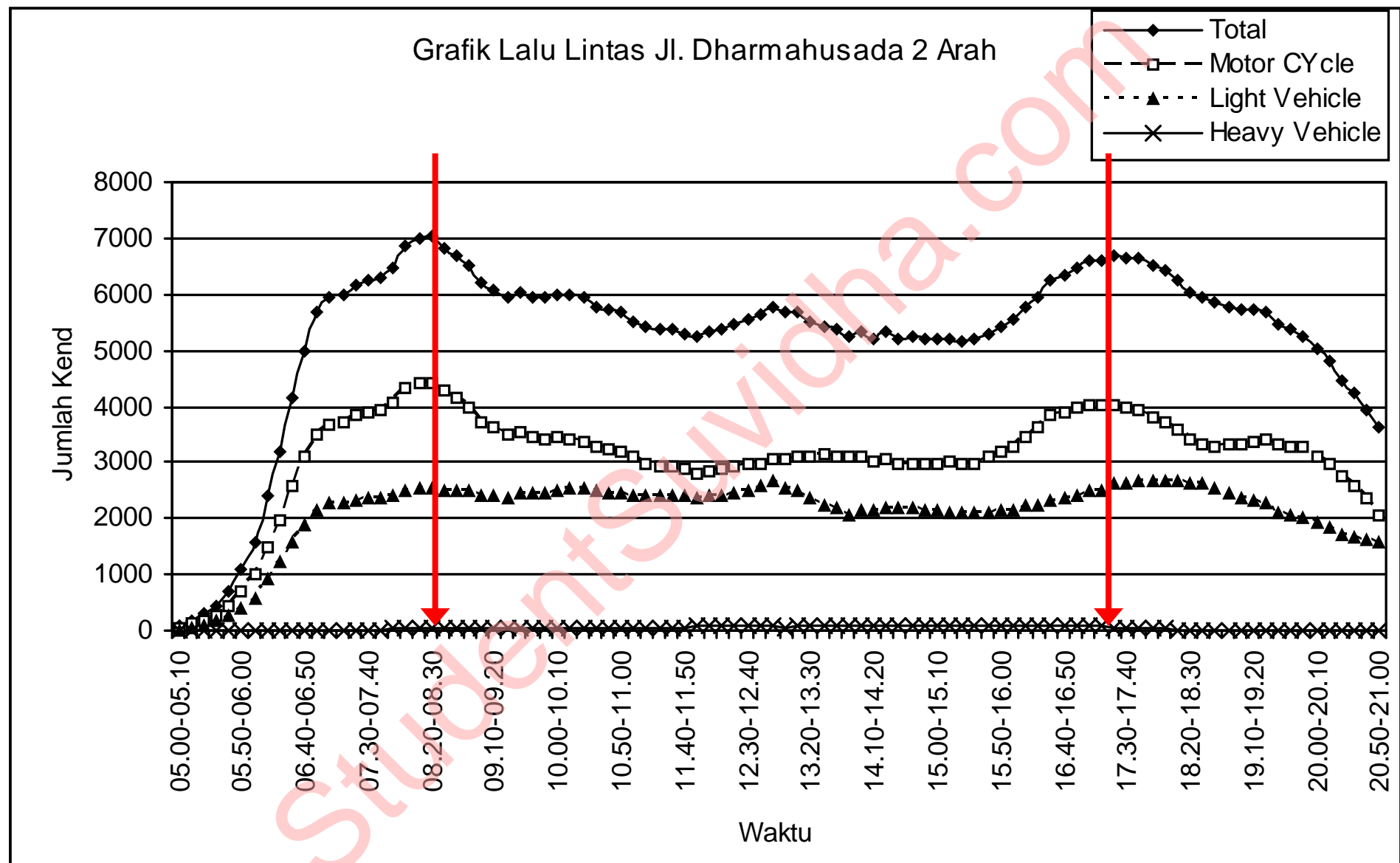
The traffic volume within this hour is of greatest interest to traffic engineers for design and operational analysis usage.

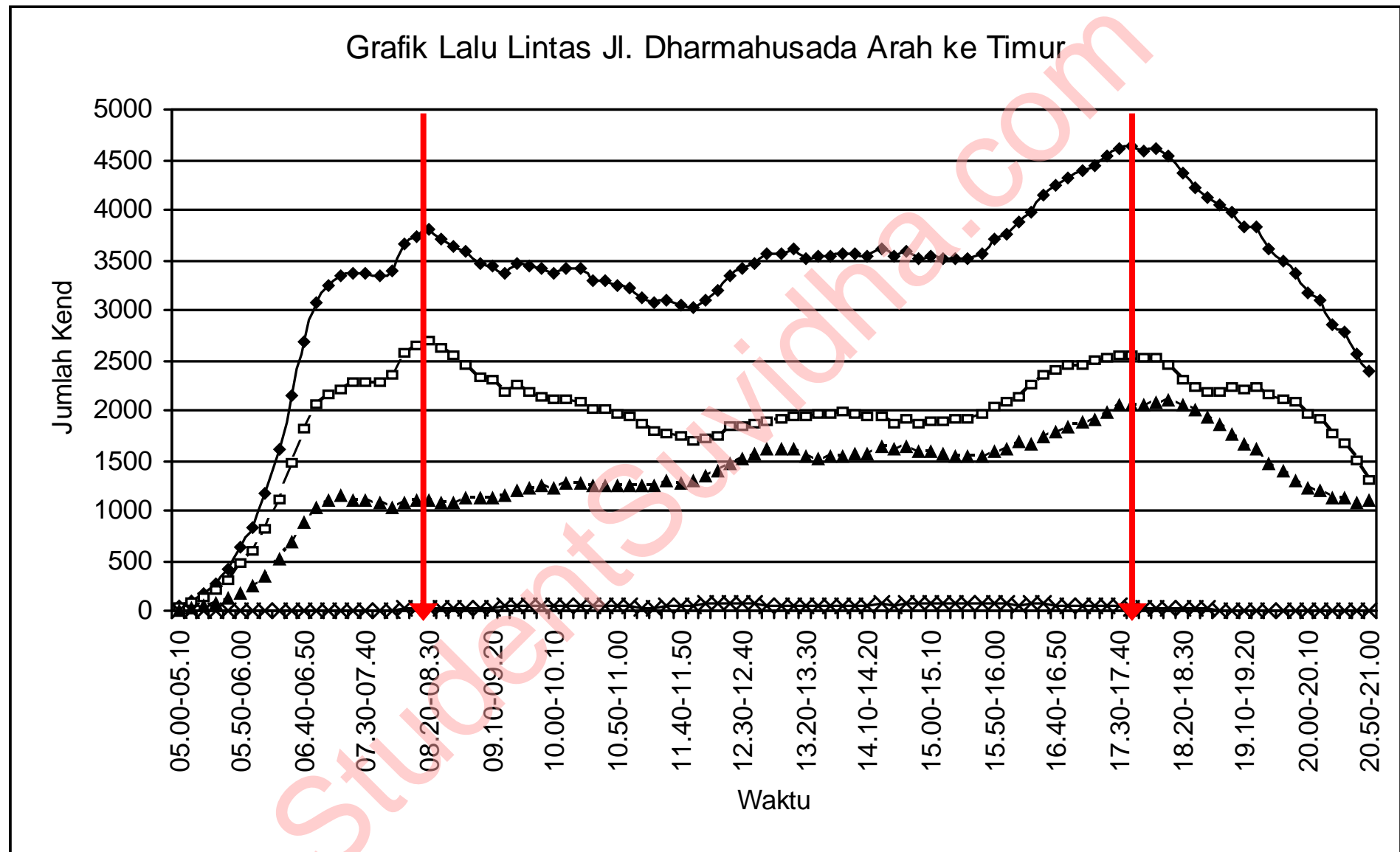
The peak-hour volume is generally stated as a directional volume (each direction of flow is counted separately).

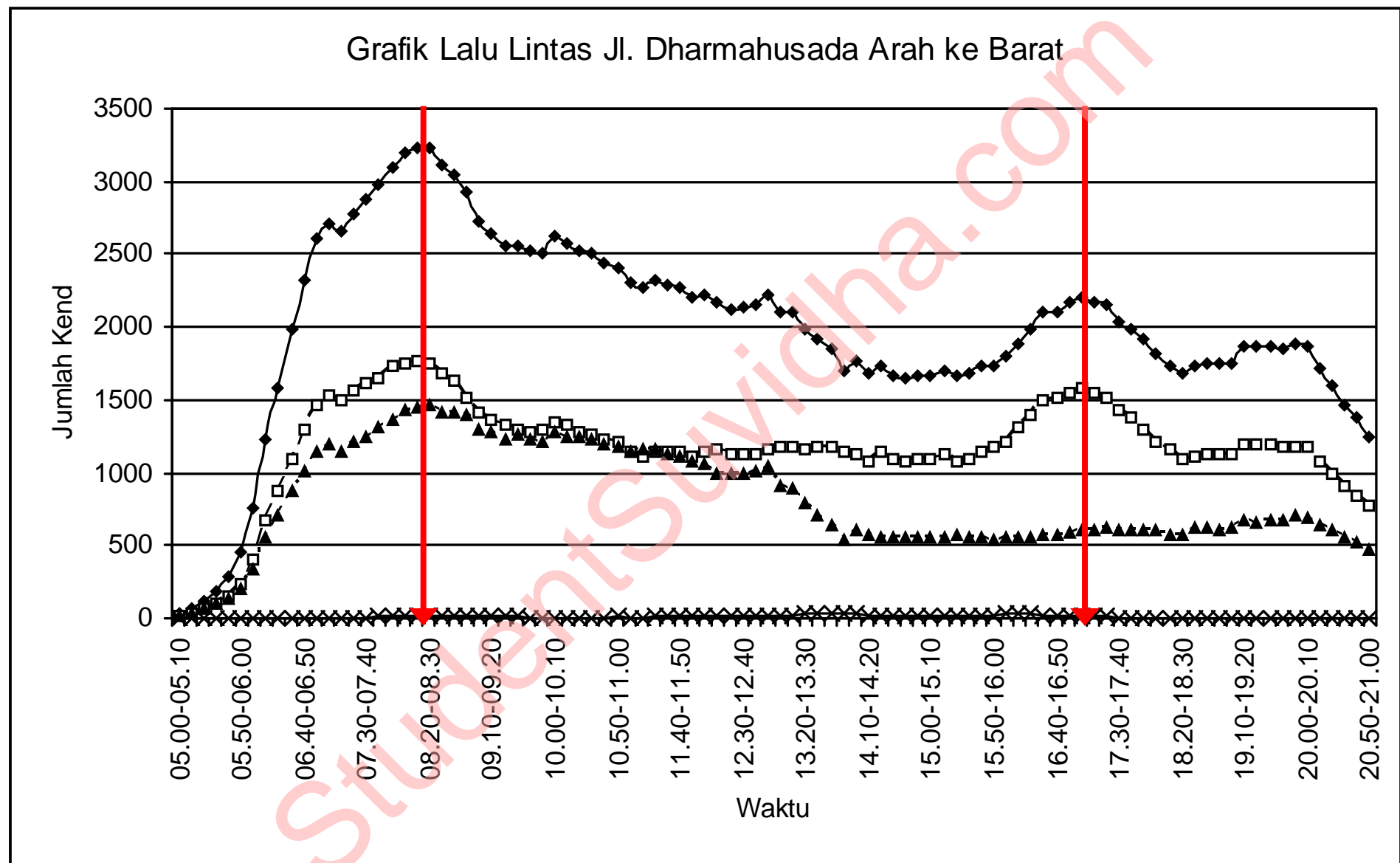












Hourly Volumes (contd.)

Highways must be designed to adequately serve the peak-hour traffic volume in the peak direction of flow. Most operational analysis must address conditions existing during periods of peak traffic volume.

- Peak-hour volumes are sometimes estimated from projections of the AADT. It is referred to as the “directional design hour volume” (DDHV)

$$DDHV = AADT * K * D$$

Where:

K – proportion of daily traffic occurring during the peak hour

D – proportion of peak hour traffic traveling in the peak direction of flow

Hourly Volumes (contd.)

Table 5.2: General Ranges for K and D Factors

Facility Type	Normal Range of Values	
	K -Factor	D -Factor
Rural	0.15–0.25	0.65–0.80
Suburban	0.12–0.15	0.55–0.65
Urban:		
<i>Radial Route</i>	0.07–0.12	0.55–0.60
<i>Circumferential Route</i>	0.07–0.12	0.50–0.55

- Used for several transportation analyses:
 - Functional classification of roads
 - Design of geometric characteristics of highways (number of lanes)
 - Capacity analysis
 - Development of programs related to traffic operations
 - Development of parking regulations

Hourly Volumes (contd.)

For example a rural highway has a 20 year forecast of AADT of 30.000 vpd. What range of directional design hour volumes might be expected for this situation?

$$\text{DDHV}_{\text{LOW}} = 30.000 * 0,15 * 0,65 = 2.925 \text{ vph}$$

$$\text{DDHV}_{\text{HIGH}} = 30.000 * 0,25 * 0,80 = 6.000 \text{ vph}$$

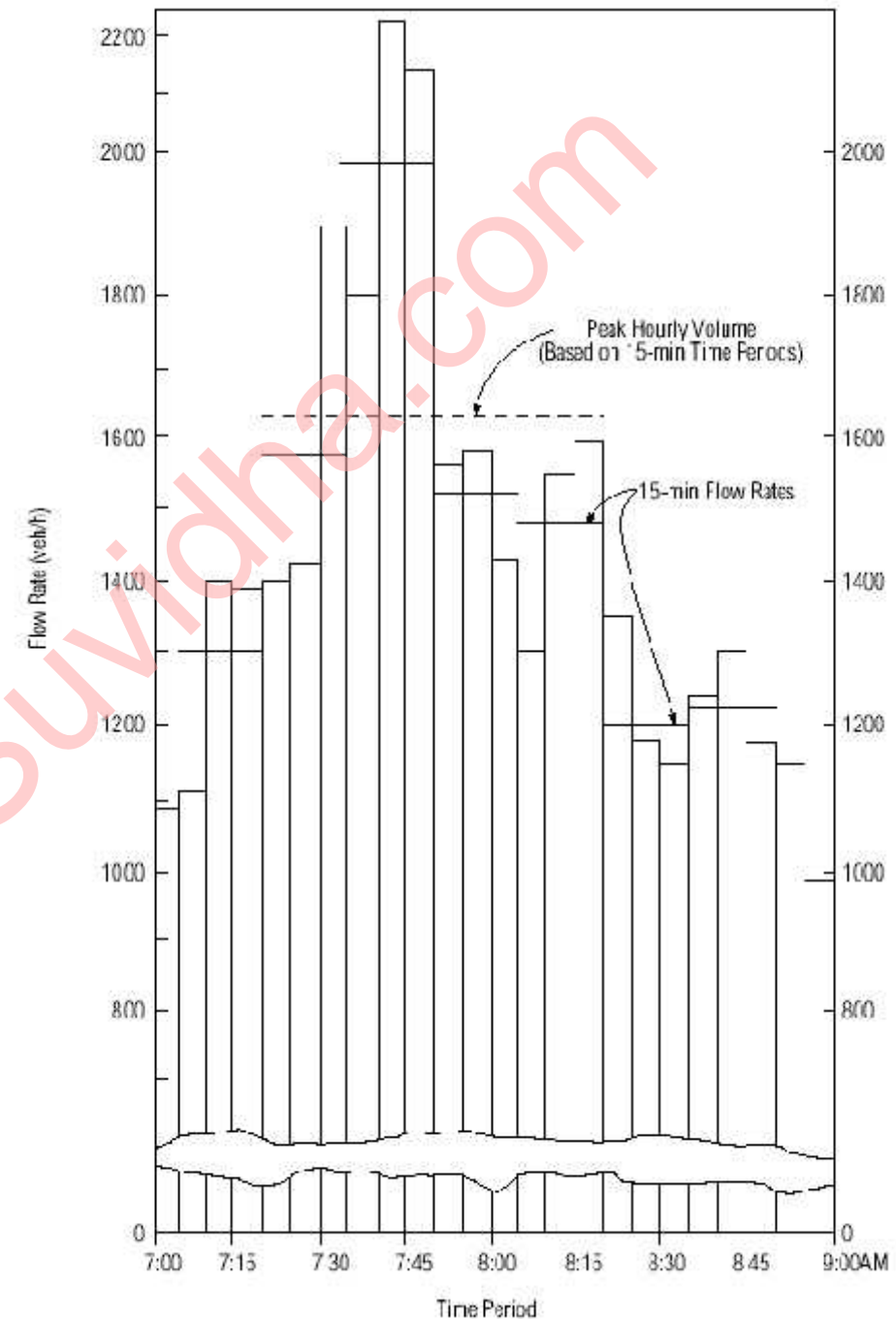
The expected range in DDHV is quite large under these criteria. Thus determining appropriate values of K and D is critical in making such a forecast.

Sub Hourly Volumes

While hourly traffic volumes form the basis for many forms of traffic design and analysis, the variation of traffic within given hour is also of considerable interest.

The quality of traffic flow is often related to short-term fluctuations in traffic demand. A facility may have sufficient capacity to serve the peak-hour demand, but short-term peaks of flow within the hour may exceed capacity and create breakdown.

Sub Hourly Volumes (cont'd)



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Volume observed for period of less than one hour are generally expressed as equivalent hourly rates of flow (q).

$$\text{rate of flow} = q = \frac{\text{number of vehicles during observation}}{\text{observation time}} \text{ veh/h}$$

For most practical purposes, 15 minutes is considered to be the minimum period of time over which traffic conditions are statistically stable.

In recent years, however, use of five-minute rates of flow has increased, and there is some thought that these might be sufficiently stable for use in design and analysis.

Sub Hourly Volumes (cont'd)

PHF (Peak Hour Factor): defines the relationship between the hourly volume and the maximum rate of flow within the hour.

PHF = Hourly volume / maximum rate of flow

For standard 15-minute analysis period, this become:

**PHF = Hourly volume /
(4 * maximum 15-minute volume within the hour)**

Sub hourly Volumes (contd.)

Peak-Hour Factor (PHF): is the ratio of the volume occurring during the peak hour to a maximum rate of flow during a given time period within the peak hour

$$\text{PHF} = \frac{\text{hourly volume}}{\text{maximum rate of flow}}$$

For standard 15-minute analysis period, this become:

$$\text{PHF} = \frac{\text{HV}}{(60/15) * V_{15}} = \frac{\text{HV}}{4 * V_{15}}$$



Where,

HV – Hourly Volume

V_{15} – Maximum 15 minute volume within the hour

Sub Hourly Volumes (contd.)

Example of volumes and rate of flow

Time interval	Volume (vehicles)	Rate of flow (vehicles/h)
5:00-5:15 PM	950	$950 * 4 = 3.800$
5:15-5:30 PM	1.150	$1.150 * 4 = 4.600$ 
5:30-5:45 PM	1.250	$1.250 * 4 = 5.000$ 
5:45-6:00 PM	1.000	$1.000 * 4 = 4.000$
For the hour 5:00-6:00 PM	4.350 (veh/h)	

A facility may have capacity adequate to serve the peak-hour demand, but short-term peaks of flow within the peak hour may exceed capacity, thereby creating a breakdown.

Sub hourly Volumes (contd.)

Example of PHF:

HV= 4350 vehicles

$V_{15} = 1250$ vehicles

$$PHF = \frac{HV}{4 * V_{15}}$$

$$PHF = \frac{4350}{4 * 1250} = 0.87$$

NOTE:

$0.25 \leq PHF \leq 1.00$, normal between 0.70 and 0.98

Lower PHF indicates a greater degree of variation in flow during the peak-hour.

Macroscopic Parameters

- Flow (Q)
 - number of vehicles traversing a point of roadway per unit time (vehicles/hour)
- Density (K)
 - number of vehicles occupying a given length of lane or roadway averaged over time (vehicles/mile)
- Speed (U)
 - distance traversed by a vehicle per unit time (miles/hour)

Q-K-U Relationship

Flow, Q (veh/hr)

= Density, K (veh/mile) x Speed, U (miles/hr)

For example, say,

Flow, $Q = 1200$ veh/hour

Speed, $U = 30$ miles/hour

Density, $K = Q/U = 1200/30 = 40$ veh/mile

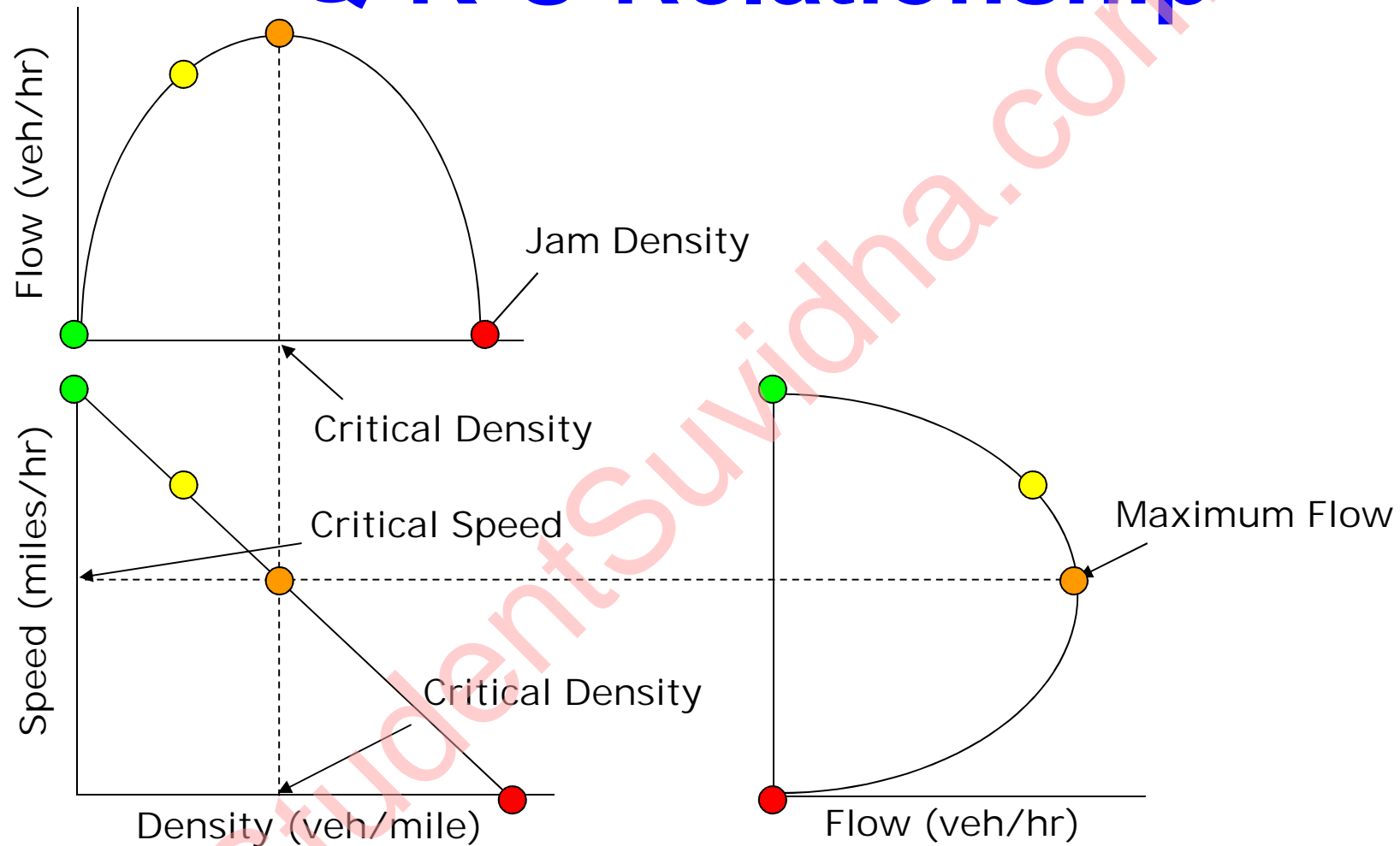
Fundamental Diagram of Traffic Flow

- Density zero, flow also zero
- Density increases, flow also increases
- When density reached maximum (jam density), flow is equal to zero (car line up end to end)
- Density increases from zero, flows also increases up to a maximum value. After this value, density keeps increasing but flow decreases

Fundamental Diagram of Traffic Flow

- Space mean speed-flow diagram: flow very low, speed is high and it is known as free flow speed.
- Increase in flow up to its maximum value, means decrease in speed. After this value, flow and speed decrease

Q-K-U Relationship



Traffic Stream Characteristics

- Kepadatan ≈ 0 , Volume ≈ 0 , kecepatan bebas
- Volume meningkat, hampir tidak ada hambatan
- Volume maksimum, kepadatan meningkat, kecepatan menurun
- Volume ≈ 0 , kepadatan maksimum.

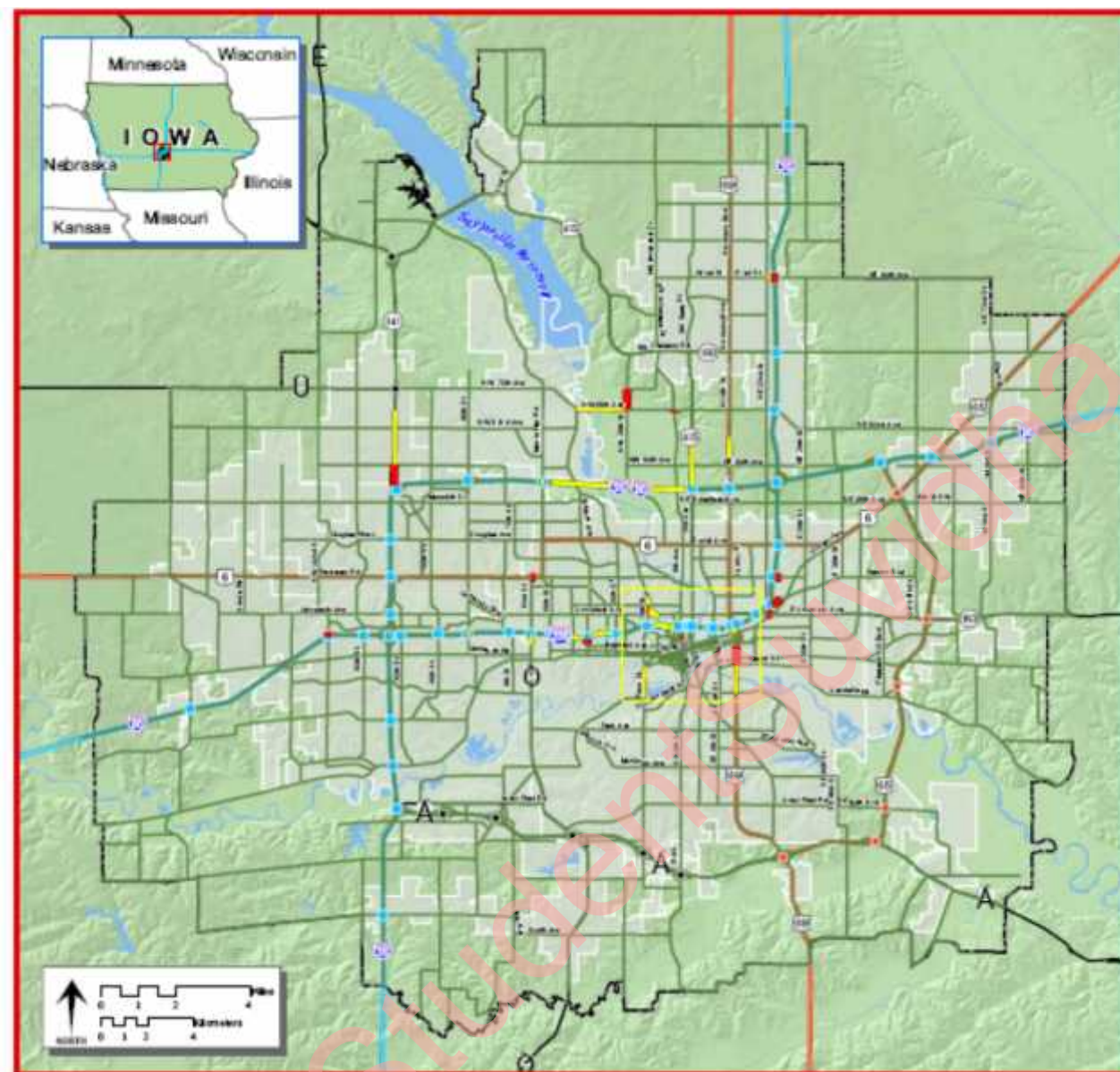


FIGURE: 4.4

Year 2005 Travel Demand Model Street & Highway Level of Service (LOS)

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NOTES:

1. This map represents the Des Moines metropolitan area year 2005 travel demand model results.
2. Future street & highway improvements are only shown as graphic representations and are not official alignments.

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Freeway Level Of Service

- LOS A



- LOS B



Freeway Level Of Service

- LOS C



- LOS D



Freeway Level Of Service

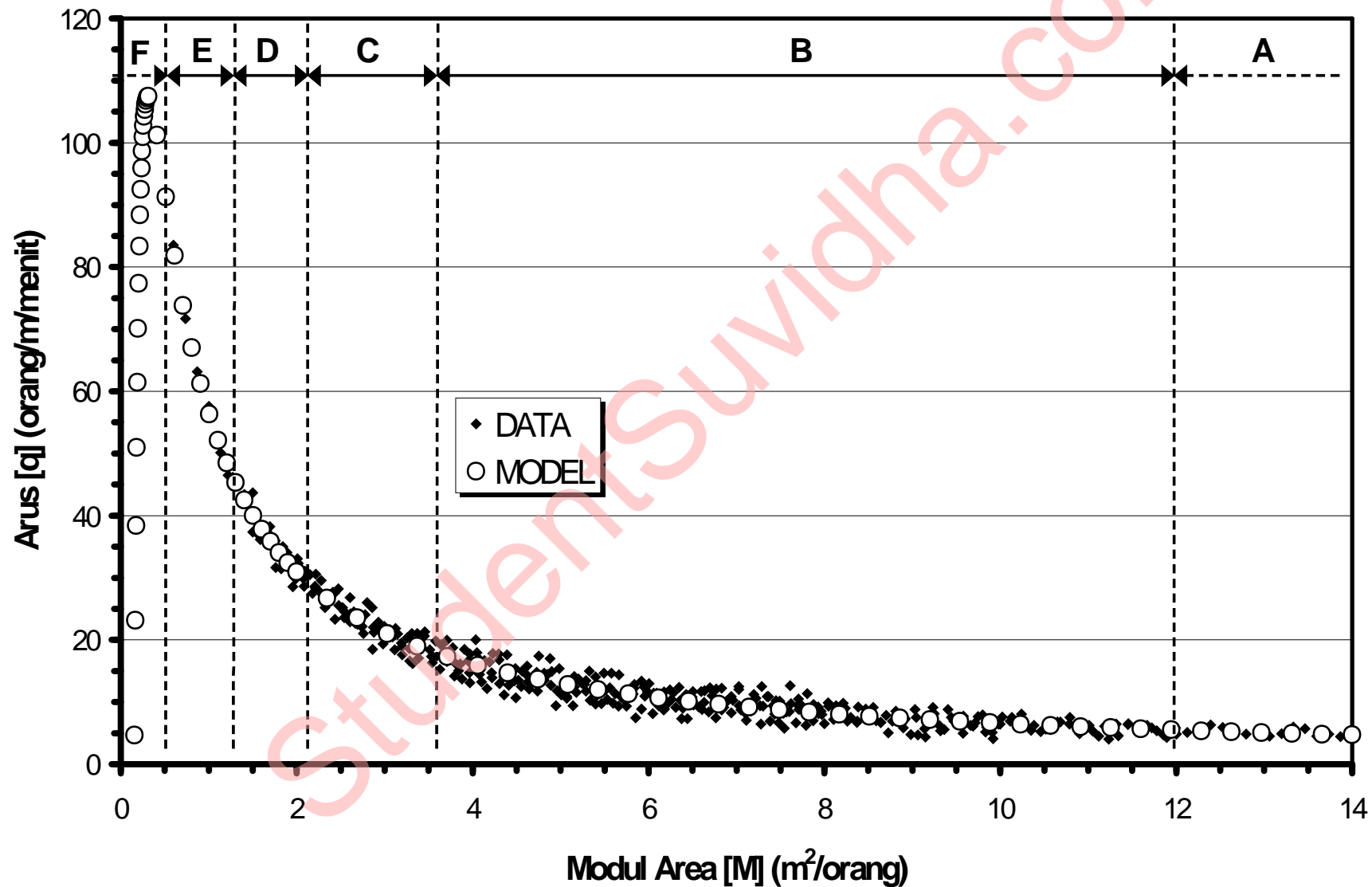
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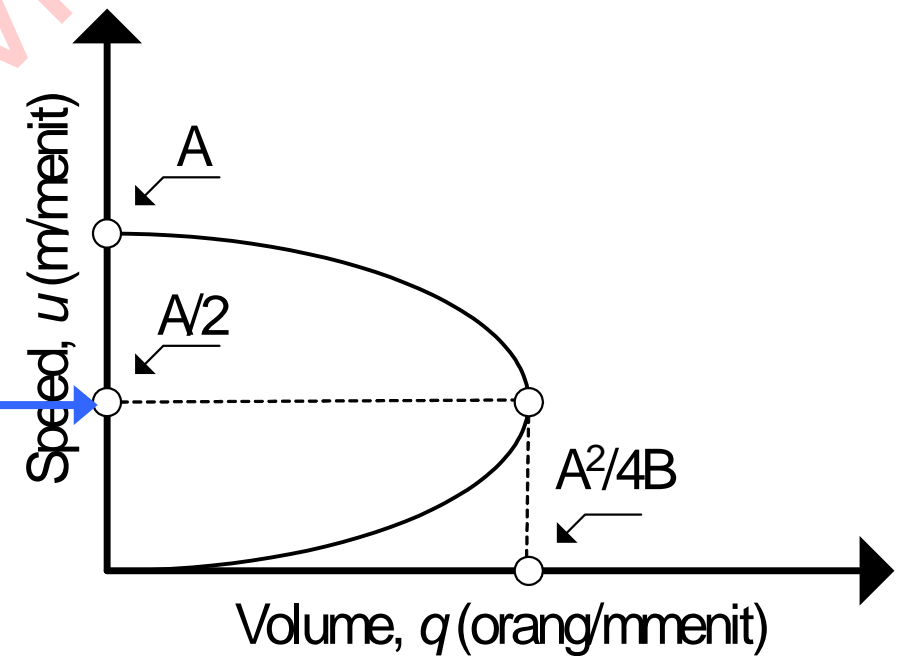
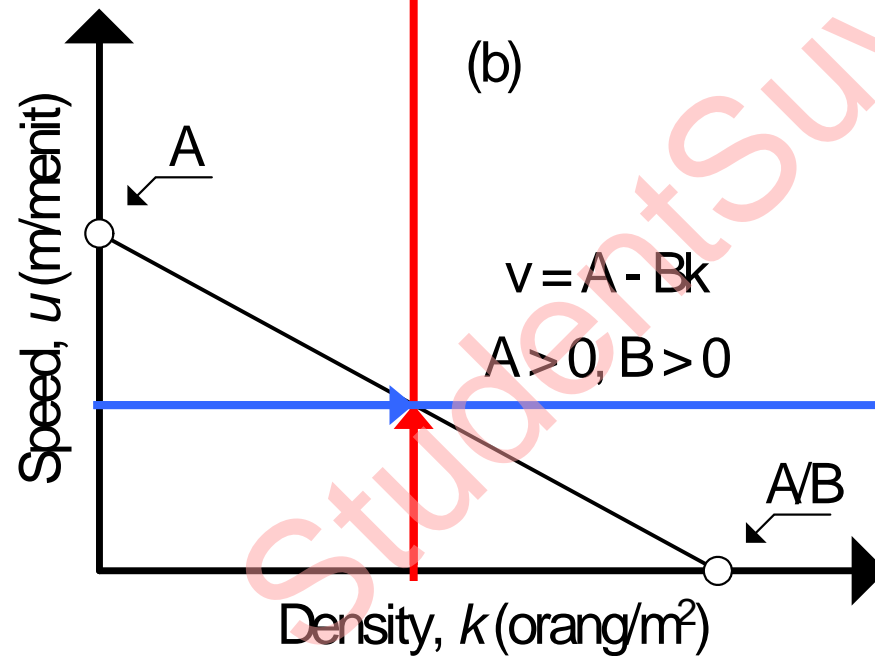
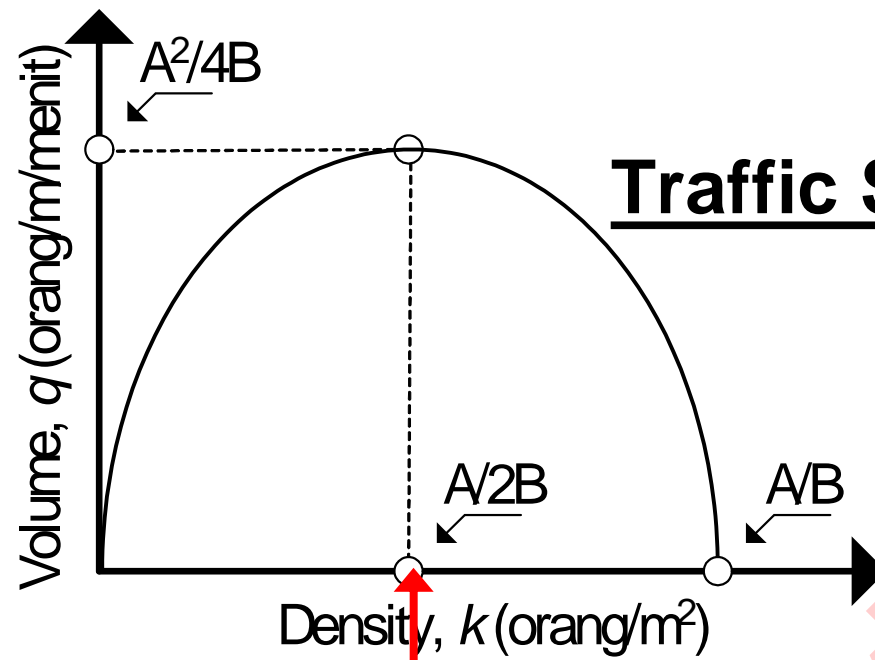


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Level Of Service Untuk Selasar





Traffic Stream Parameters

- Volume and Rate of Flow
- Speed and Travel Time
- Density and Occupancy
- Spacing and Headway

SPEED

- Space Mean Speed

$$v_s = \frac{L}{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n t_i}{n}} = \frac{nL}{\sum_{i=1}^n t_i}$$

- v_s = average travel speed or space mean speed (kph)
- L = length of the highway segment (km)
- t_i = travel time of the i^{th} vehicle to cross the section (hours)
- n = number of travel times observed

SPEED

- Space Mean Speed
 - Segment Length \rightarrow 1km
 - Travel Time:
 - Vehicle A \rightarrow 45 seconds \rightarrow 0,0125 hr/km \rightarrow 80 kph
 - Vehicle B \rightarrow 60 seconds \rightarrow 0,0166 hr/km \rightarrow 60 kph
 - Vehicle C \rightarrow 72 seconds \rightarrow 0,0200 hr/km \rightarrow 50 kph
 - What is the average travel speed of these three vehicles?

SPEED

- Space Mean Speed
 - Average Travel Time
 - $[0,0125 + 0,0166 + 0,0200] / 3 = \mathbf{0,016389\text{hr/km}}$
 - Average Travel Speed
 - $1 / 0,016389 = 61,01695 \approx \mathbf{61 \text{ kph}}$

SPEED

- Time Mean Speed

$$v_t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n v_i}{n}$$

- v_s = time mean speed (kph)
- v_i = spot speed (kph)
- n = number of travel times observed

SPEED

- Time Mean Speed
- Three vehicles pass a kilometer post at 80, 60 and 50 kph, what is the time mean speed of the three vehicles?
- $[80 + 60 + 50] / 3 = 63,33 \text{ kph}$

SPEED

- Time Mean Speed (TMS)

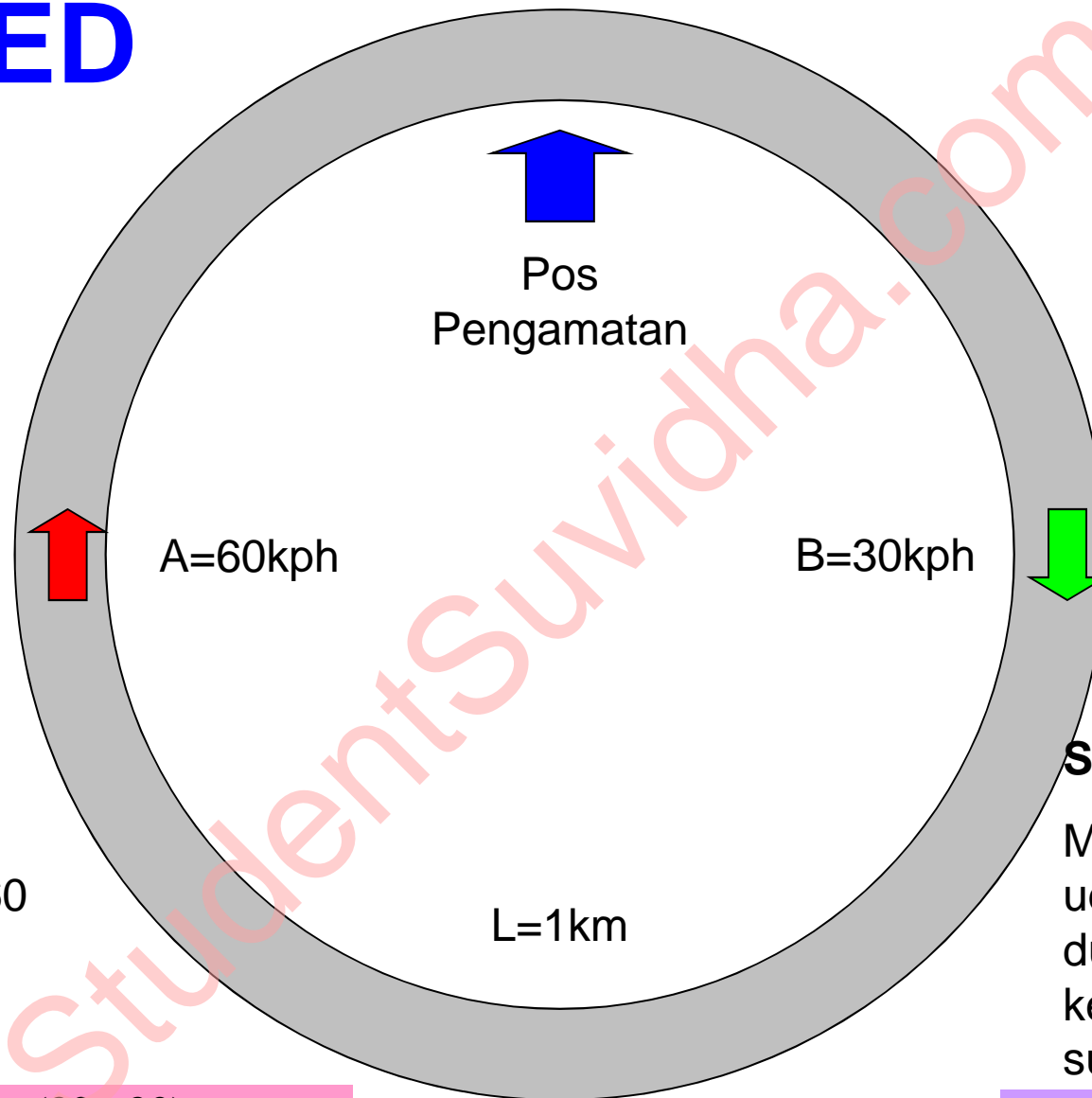
Kecepatan individu yang melintas suatu segmen selama periode waktu tertentu

SPEED

- Space Mean Speed (SMS)

Kecepatan individu (TMS) dikonversi menjadi waktu tempuh, kemudian dihitung waktu tempuh rata-rata, kemudian dihitung kecepatan rata-rata.

SPEED



TMS

Dalam 1 jam,
mobil A lewat 60
kali & mobil B
lewat 30 kali

$$TMS = \frac{(60 \times 60) + (30 \times 30)}{90} = 50kph$$

SMS

Melalui foto
udara tercatat
dua kecepatan
kendaraan pada
suatu ruang

$$SMS = \frac{30 + 60}{2} = 45kph$$

Approximate Relationship Between SMS & TMS (wardrop, 1952)

$$v_t = v_s + \frac{\dagger^2_s}{v_s}$$

$$\dagger^2_s = [\sum (v_i - v_s)^2] / n$$

$$v_s = v_t - \frac{\dagger^2_t}{v_t}$$

$$\dagger^2_t = [\sum (v_i - v_t)^2] / n$$

Approximate Relationship Between SMS & TMS

Veh #	Speed (kph)		Travel Time (h)
1	80	$1/80$	0.0125
2	60	$1/60$	0.0167
3	50	$1/50$	0.0200
S	190	S	0.0492
	$190/3$		$1/(0.0492/3)$
TMS	63.33	SMS	61.02

Approximate Relationship Between SMS & TMS

Veh #	Speed (kph)		Travel Time (h)
1	277.78	$(80-61.02)^2$	360.36
2	11.11	$(60-61.02)^2$	1.03
3	177.78	$(50-61.02)^2$	121.37
S	466.67	S	482.76
	466.67/3		482.76/3
Variance TMS	155.56	Variance SMS	160.9212
TMS	63.65	SMS	60.88

Approximate Relationship Between SMS & TMS (wardrop, 1952)

$$v_t = v_s + \frac{\dagger^2_s}{v_s}$$

$$\dagger^2_s = [\sum (v_i - v_s)^2] / n$$

$$\dagger^2_s = 160.92$$

$$v_t = 61.02 + \frac{160.92}{61.02} = 63.65$$

Approximate Relationship Between SMS & TMS (wardrop, 1952)

$$v_s = v_t - \frac{\dagger^2_t}{v_t}$$

$$\dagger^2_t = [\sum (v_i - v_t)^2] / n$$

$$\dagger^2_t = 155.56$$

$$v_s = 63.33 - \frac{155.56}{63.33} = 60.88$$

SPEED

- Time Mean Speed is the arithmetic mean of the spot speeds, the Space Mean Speed is their harmonic mean.
- Time Mean Speed is always greater than space mean speed except in the situation where all vehicles travel at the same speed.

VOLUME and RATE OF FLOW

- **Volume** is the actual number of vehicles observed or predicted to be passing a point during a given time interval.
- **The Rate of Flow** represent the number of vehicles passing a point during a time interval less than 1 hour, but expressed as an equivalent hourly rate.

VOLUME and RATE OF FLOW

- Volume of 200 vehicles observed in a 10-minute period implies a rate of flow $\rightarrow 200 \times (60/10) = 1.200 \text{ veh/hr}$.
- Note that 1.200 vehicles do not pass the point of observation during the study hour, but they do pass the point at that rate for 10 minutes.

VOLUME and RATE OF FLOW

Time Period	Volume (vehicles)
4:00 – 4:15	700
4:16 – 4:30	812
4:30 – 5:00	1.635
Total	3.147

VOLUME and RATE OF FLOW

- Total Volume $\rightarrow 3.147$ veh/hr
- Rate of Flow:
 - at 4:00 $\rightarrow 700 \times 4 \rightarrow 2.800$ veh/hr
 - at 4:16 $\rightarrow 812 \times 4 \rightarrow 3.248$ veh/hr
 - at 4:31 $\rightarrow 1.635 \times 2 \rightarrow 3.270$ veh/hr

DENSITY

- Number of vehicles occupying a given length of lane or roadway, averaged over time, usually expressed as vehicles per km (veh/km)
- $q = v \times k$
- q = rate of flow (veh/hr)
- v = average travel speed (kph)
- k = average density (veh/km)

DENSITY

- A highway segment with a rate of flow of 1.350 veh/hr and an average travel speed of 45 kph would have a density of $k = 1.350 / 45 = 30$ veh/km.
- The proximity of vehicles in a traffic stream is given by density, which is a critical parameter in describing freedom of maneuverability.

SPACING and HEADWAY

- **Spacing (s)** is defined as the distance between successive vehicles in a traffic stream as measured from front bumper to front bumper.
- Spacings of vehicles in a traffic lane can be generally observed from aerial photographs.

SPACING and HEADWAY

- **Headway** is the corresponding time between successive vehicles as they pass a point on a roadway.
- Headways of vehicles can be measured using stopwatch observations as vehicles pass a point on a lane.

SPACING and HEADWAY

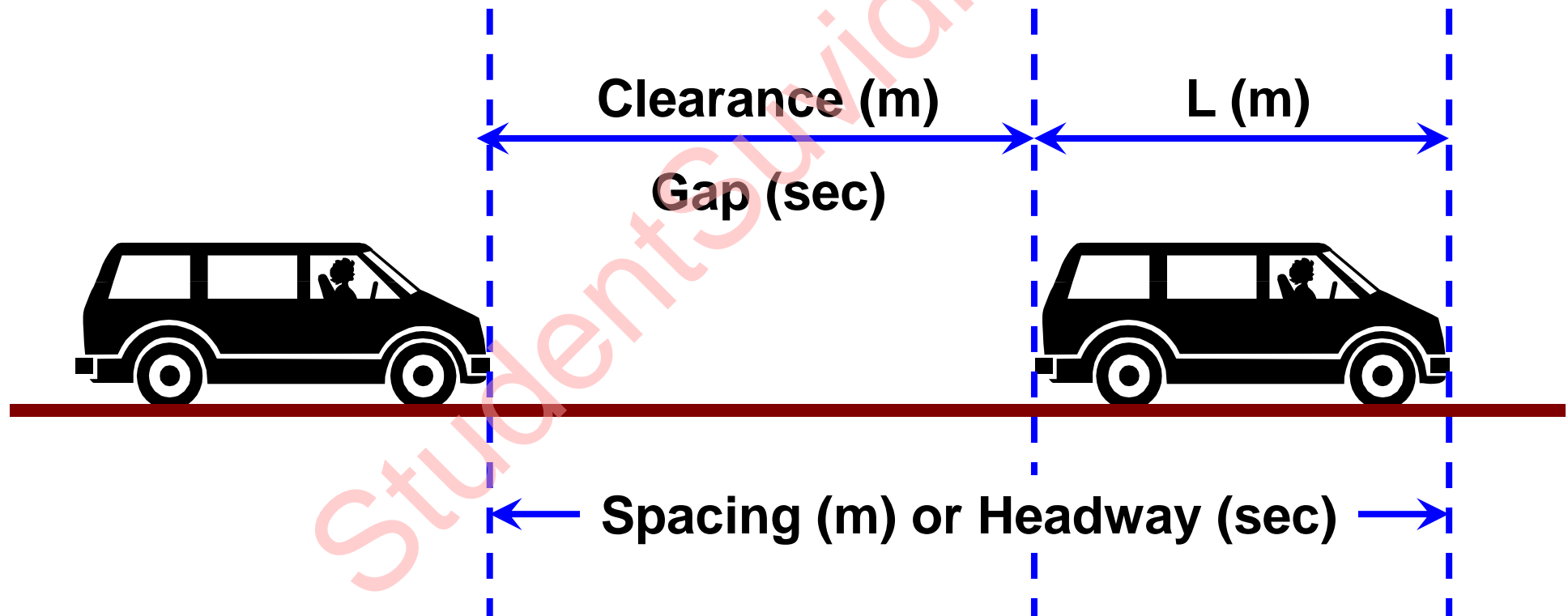
- Average density (***k***), veh/km =
1.000, m/km / average spacing (***s***), m/veh
- Average headway (***h***), sec/veh =
average spacing (***s***), m/veh / average
speed (***v***), m/sec
- Average Flow Rate (***q***), veh/hr =
3600, sec/hr / average headway (***h***),
sec/hr

LANE OCCUPANCY

- Lane occupancy is a measure used in freeway surveillance.
- If one could measure the lengths of vehicles on a given roadway section and compute the ratio
- R could be divided by the average length of vehicle to give an estimate of the density (k)

CLEARANCE AND GAP

- Correspond to parameters of spacing (m) and headway (sec)



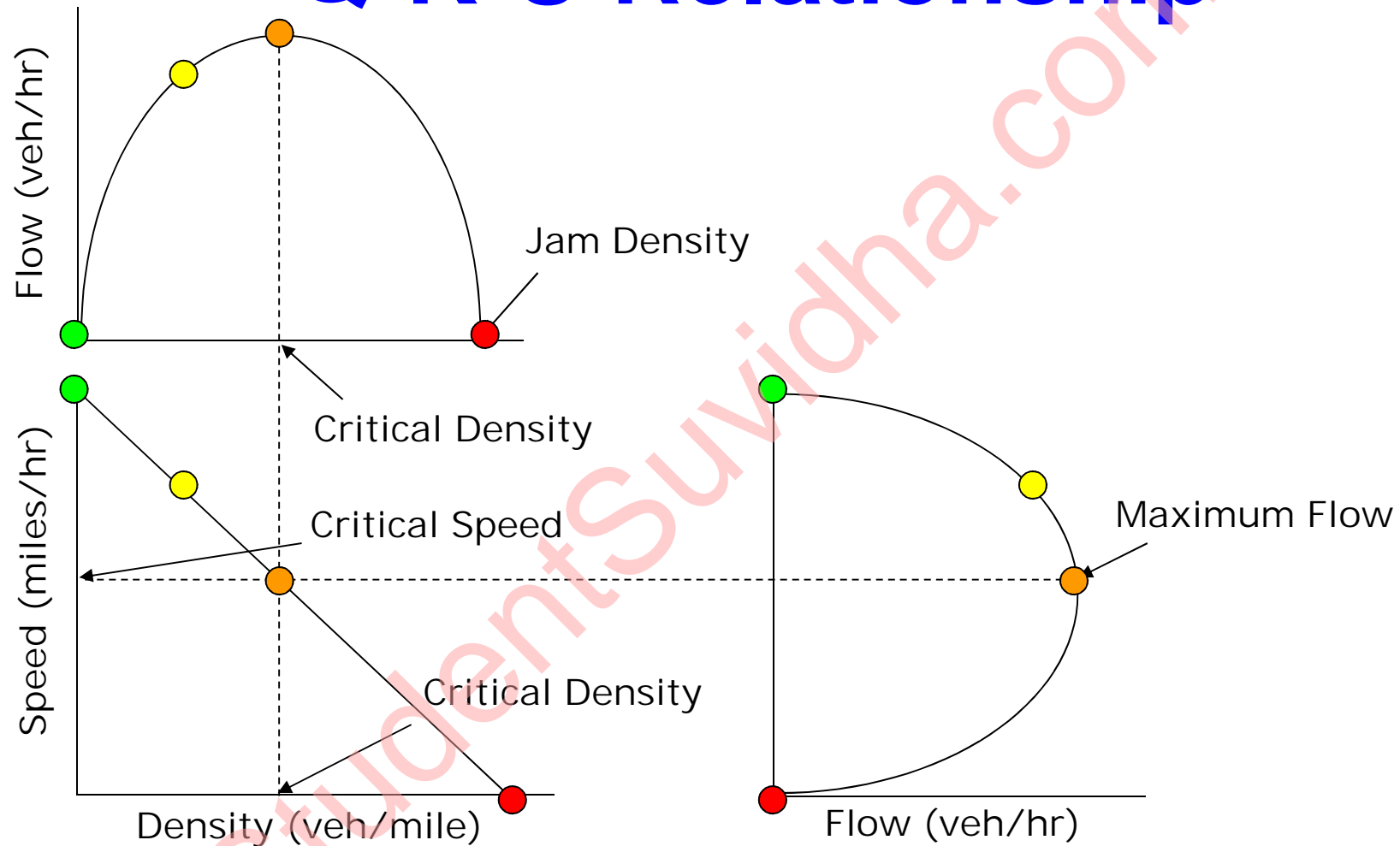
CLEARANCE AND GAP

$$g = h - (L/v)$$

$$c = g \times v$$

- g = mean gap (sec)
- L = mean length of vehicles (m)
- c = mean clearance (m)
- h = mean headway (sec)
- v = mean speed (m/sec)

Q-K-U Relationship



SPEED, FLOW, AND DENSITY RELATIONSHIP

- $q = u \times k$

$$q = Ak - Bk^2$$

$$q = (A - Bk) \times k$$

- $u = A - Bk$

- $k = (A - u) / B$

- $q = u \times [(A - u) / B]$

$$q = [u \times (A - u)] / B$$

- $M = 1 / k$

- $q = (A/M) - (B/M^2)$

Traffic Data

Time Period	q (veh/hr)	v (km/hr)	Occupancy (%)	Density (veh/km)
1	1,620	91	10	17.80
2	1,980	90	11	22.00
3	2,160	90	12	24.00
4	1,620	95	9	17.05
5	1,080	94	7	11.49
6	1,980	87	11	22.76
7	1,440	86	8	16.74
8	1,620	87	10	18.62
9	720	85	3	8.47
10	1,980	93	11	21.29
11	1,260	93	7	13.55
12	1,080	97	6	11.13
13	1,800	93	10	19.35
14	1,440	89	8	16.18
15	1,800	99	9	18.18
16	1,800	95	9	18.95
17	1,620	43	19	37.67
18	900	14	47	64.29
19	900	13	43	69.23

SPEED, FLOW, AND DENSITY RELATIONSHIP

Correlations: Q, U, K

	Q	U
U	0.133 0.180	
K	0.119 0.228	-0.921 0.000

Best
Negative
Correlation!!!

Cell Contents: Pearson correlation
P-Value

SPEED, FLOW, AND DENSITY RELATIONSHIP

	q	u	k
q	1.00		
u	0.13	1.00	
k	0.12	-0.92	1.00

Best Negative Correlation!!!

Regression Analysis

Regression Analysis: **U** versus **K**

The regression equation is

$$U = 105 - 1.42 K$$

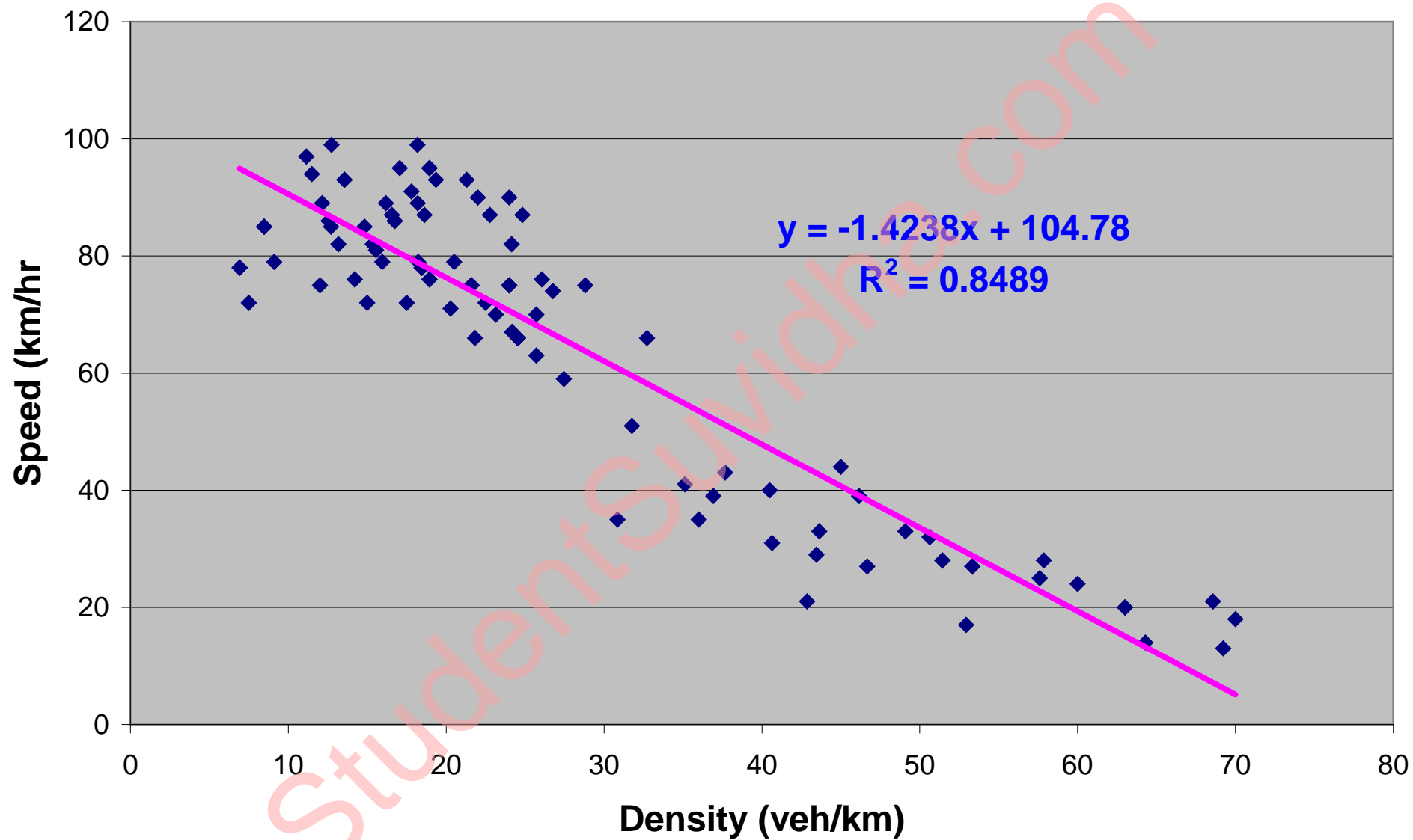
Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	104.782	1.914	54.75	0.000
K	-1.42380	0.05947	-23.94	0.000

Significant !!!

S = 9.833 R-Sq = 84.9% R-Sq(adj) = 84.7%

Analysis of Variance

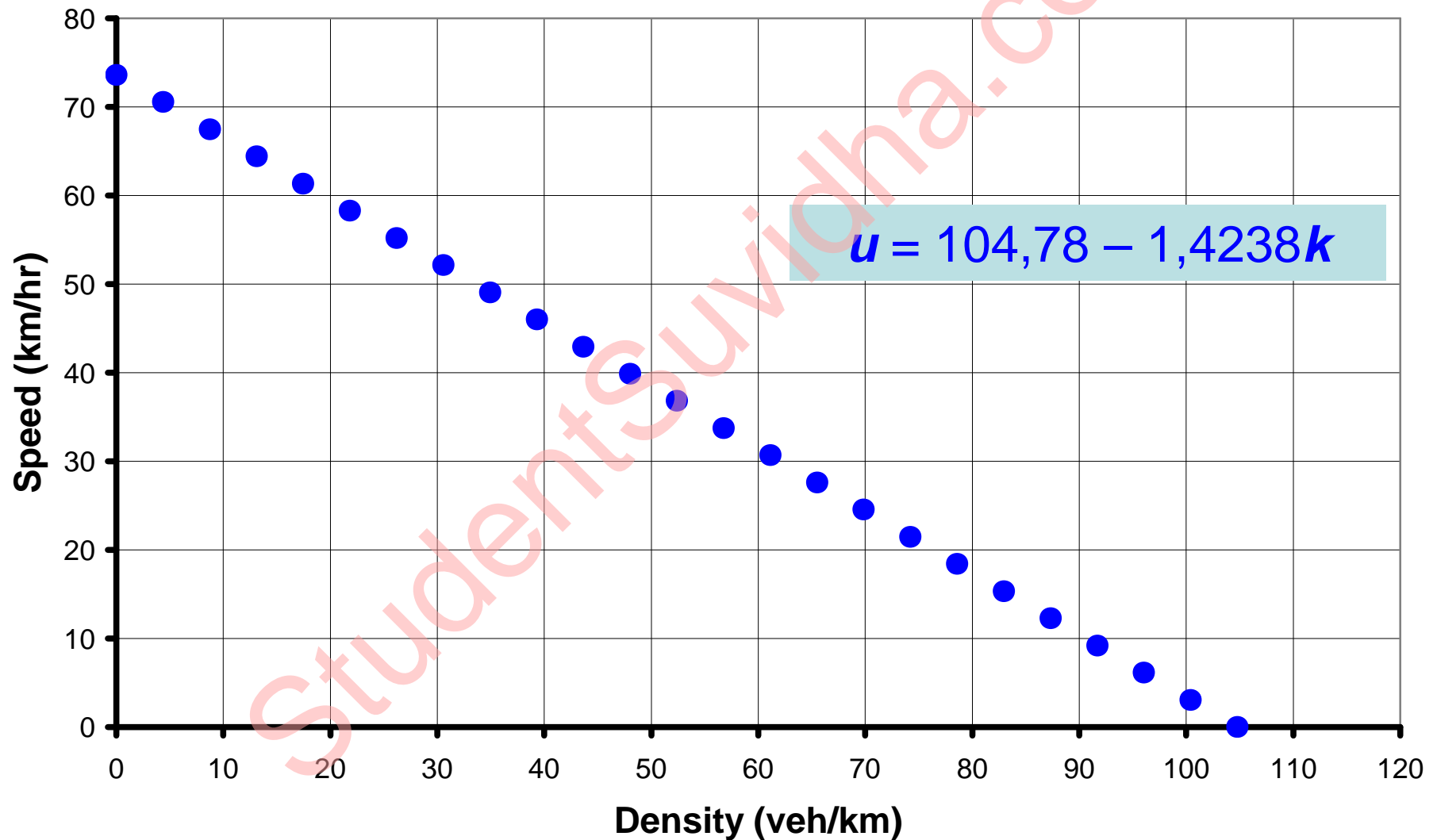
Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	55422	55422	573.17	0.000
Residual Error	102	9863	97		
Total	103	65285			



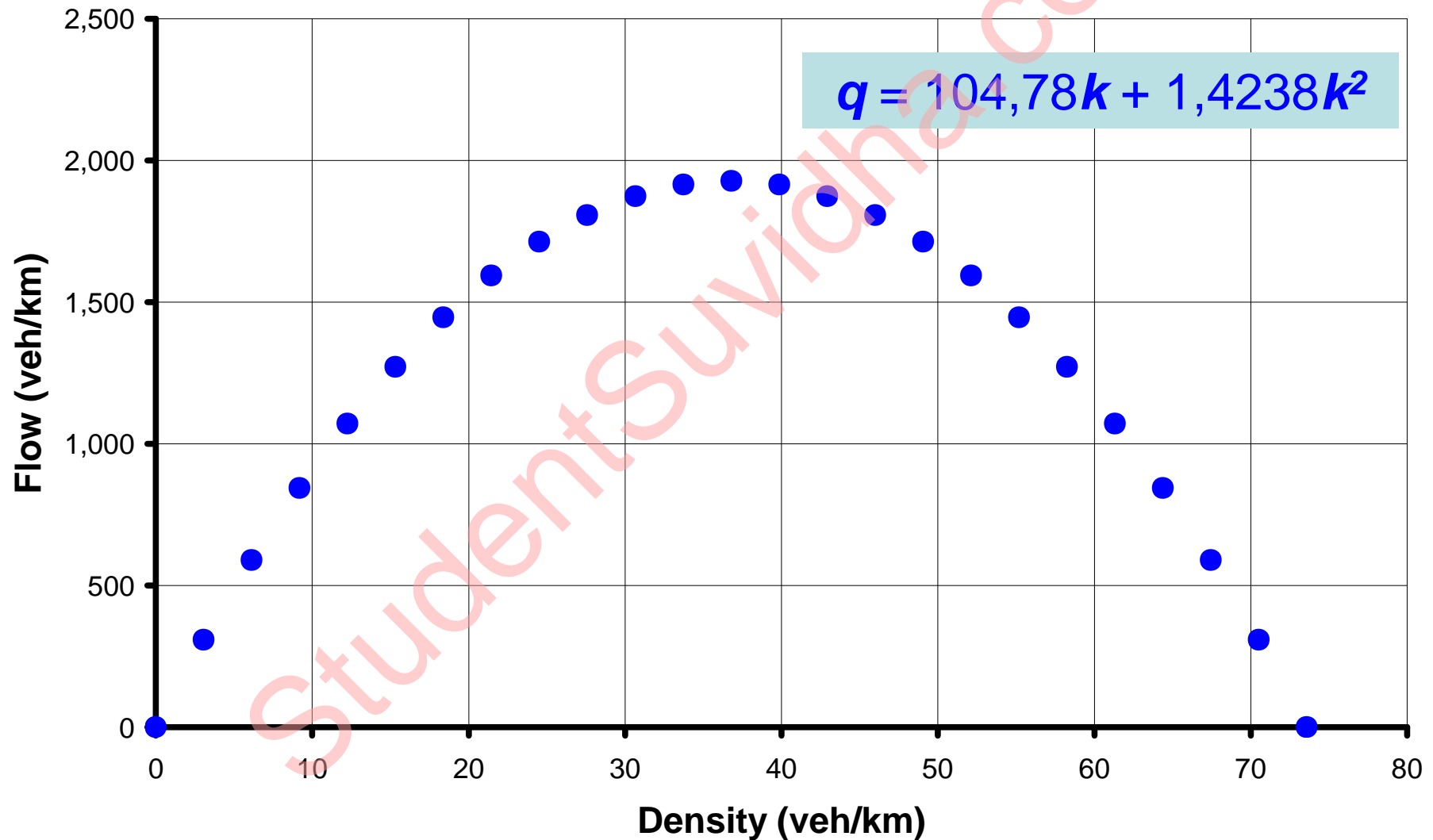
SPEED, FLOW, AND DENSITY RELATIONSHIP

- $A = 104,78$
- $B = -1,4238$
- $u = A + Bk \rightarrow 104,78 - 1,4238k$
- $q = Ak - Bk^2 \rightarrow 104,78k + 1,4238k^2$
- $q = [u \times (A - u)] / B$
 $\rightarrow [u \times (104,78 - u)] / 1,4238$

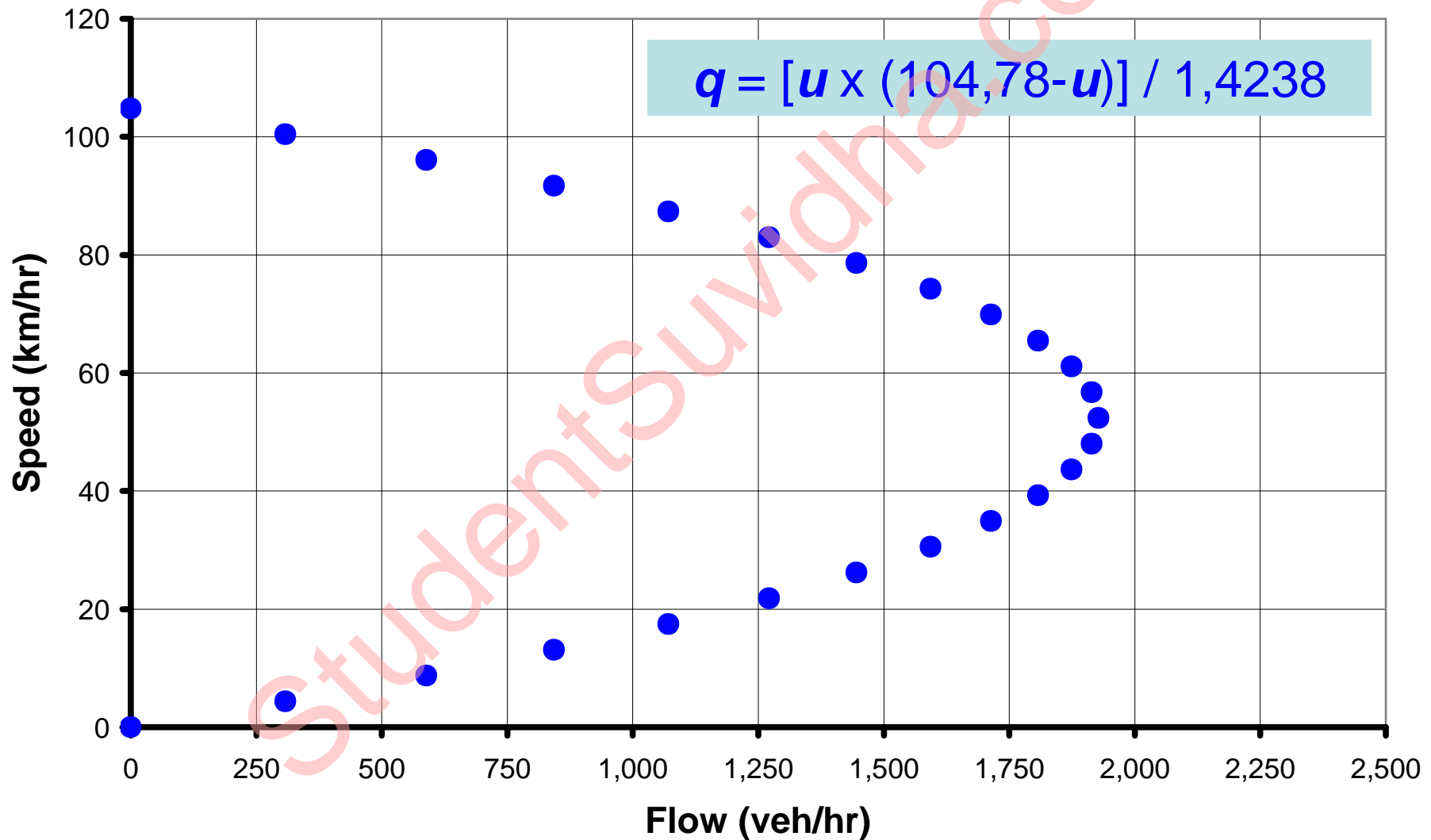
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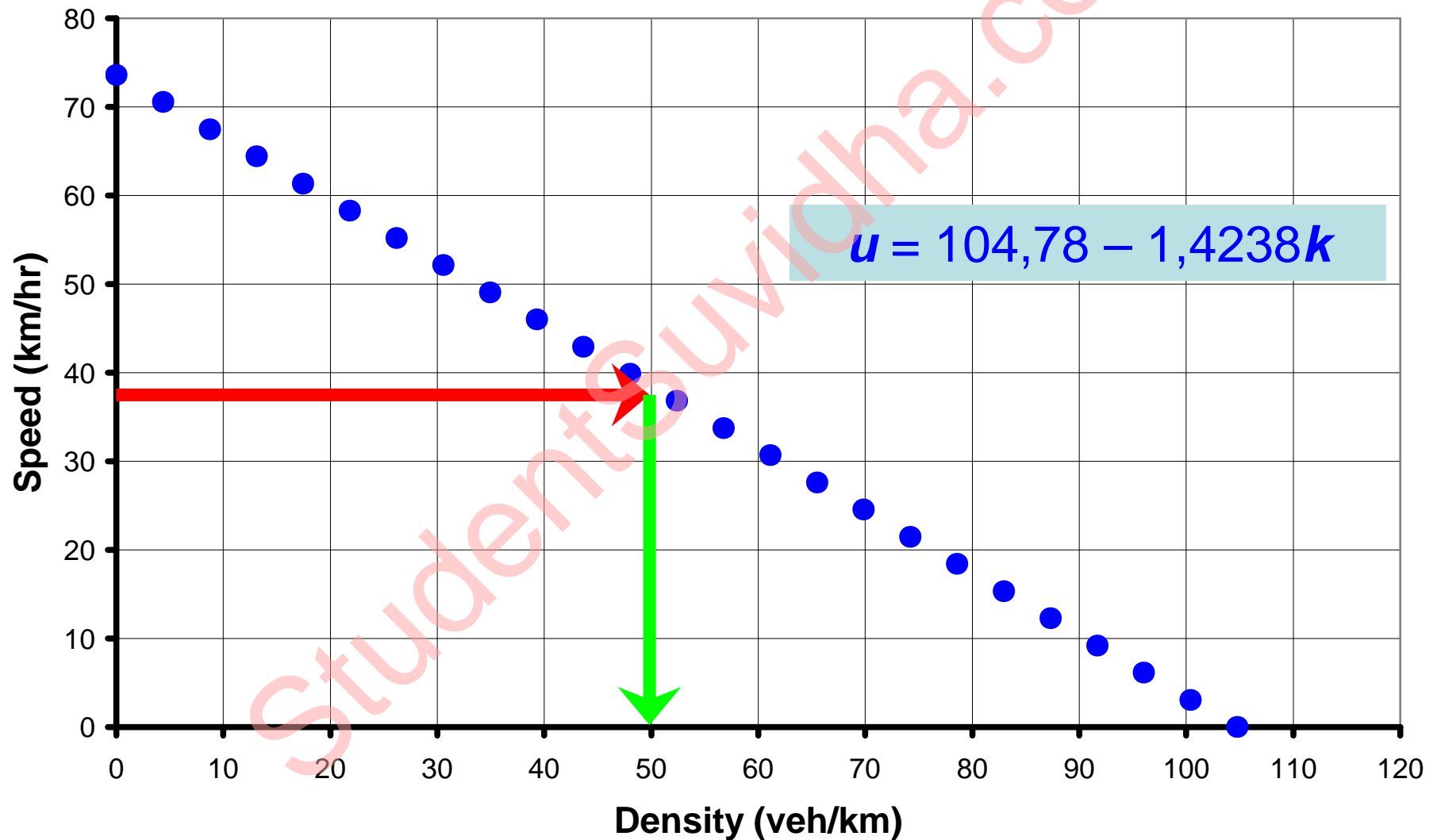
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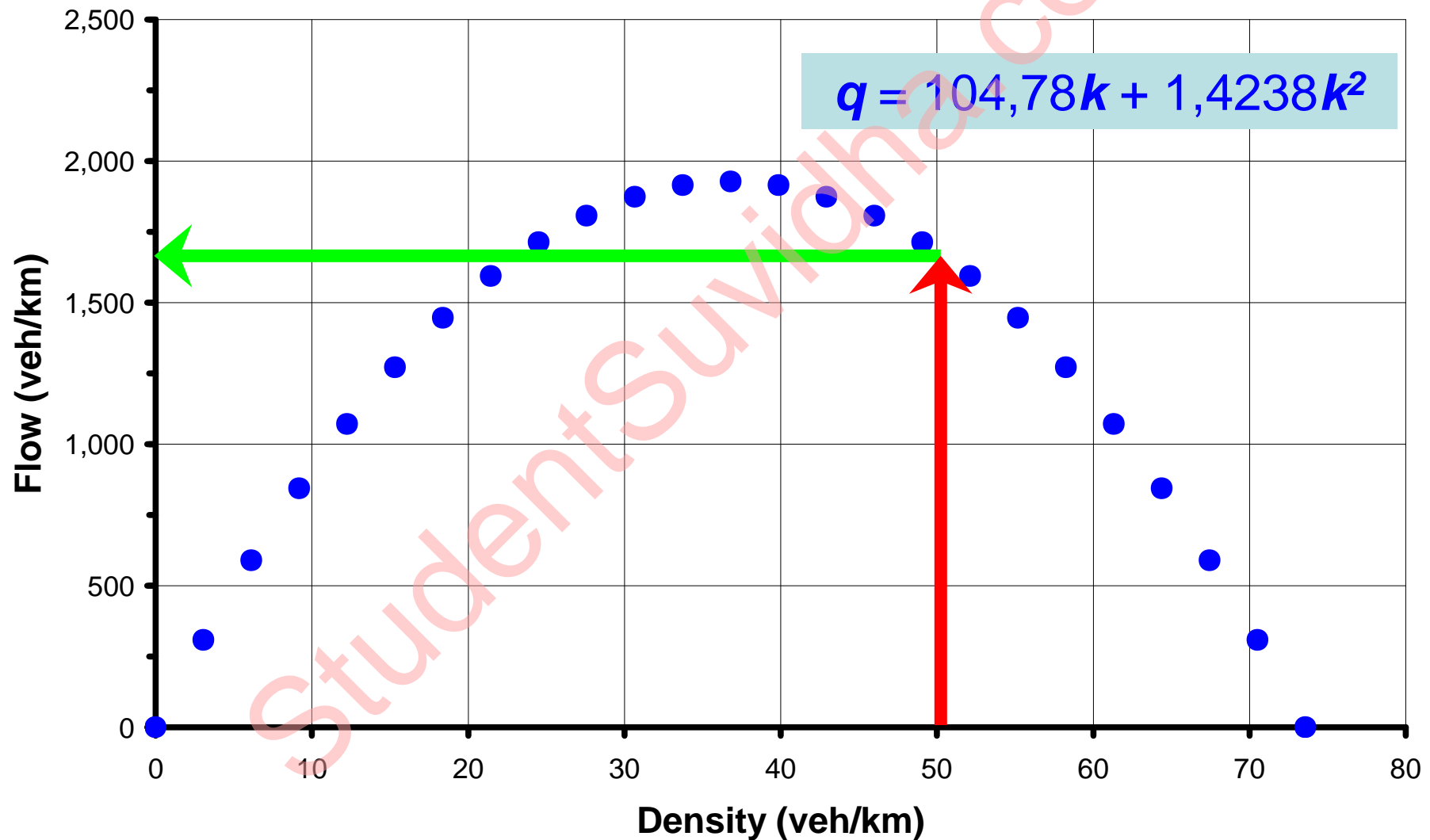
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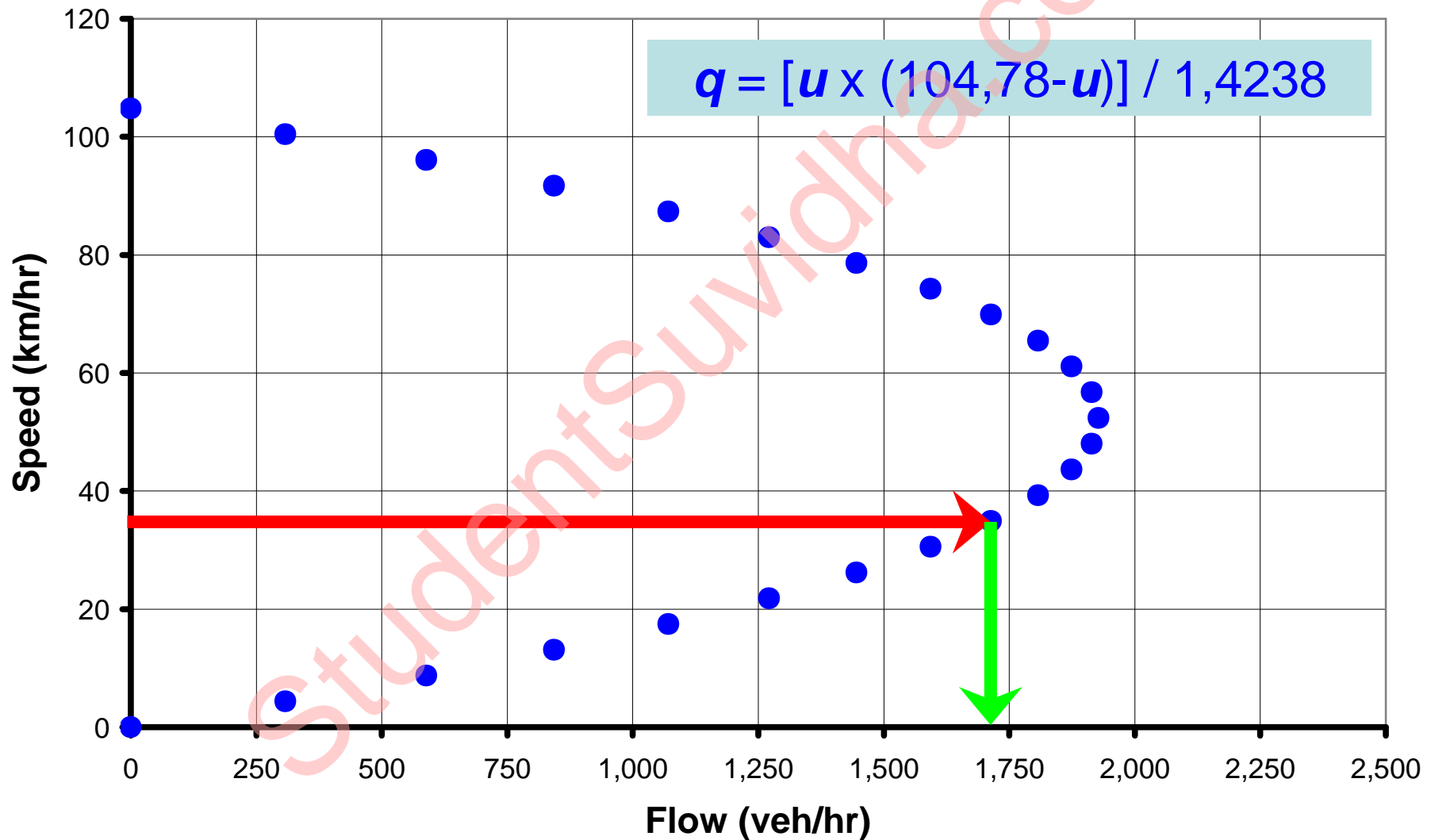
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