

**ACCIDENT PREDICTION MODEL AT UN-SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS  
USING MULTIPLE REGRESSION METHOD**

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## ABSTRACT

Nowadays, accident increased relatively from year to year although many programs have been carried out by the authority in order to reduce the number of accident. In Johor areas, seventeen accident hotspots have been identified in the state. The road accident increase proportionate to growth in population, economic in development, industrialization and motorization that encountered by the country. The roadway geometric and traffic condition are among important factors in causes to traffic accidents. Field work is carried out to collect data such as traffic volume, mean speed of vehicles, lane width, shoulder width, lane used, number of intersection and also number legs intersection at the selected locations. Metrocount and odometer were used for this purpose. By considering the factors that contribute to the accident, this study was carried out to develop the accident prediction model using Multiple Regression approach. Accident prediction models are invaluable tools that have many applications in road safety analysis. In accident analysis, statistical models have been used in highway and traffic safety studies. From the results shows that accident point weightage can be explained by increase of traffic volume and vehicle speed in Federal Route 001 and Federal Route 024 are the contributors to traffic accidents. Meanwhile, an increment of lane width and shoulder width will reduce the weighting point rates. Finally, the Accident Prediction Model developed in this study not only can be used to reduce the number of accidents in the future but also for intersection treatment or upgrading. Using the model, appropriate design parameters of un-signalized intersection could be specified.

## ABSTRAK

Saat ini, kemalangan relatif meningkat dari tahun ke tahun walaupun pelbagai program telah dilakukan oleh pihak berkuasa dalam mengurangkan jumlah kemalangan. Di Johor, tujuh belas kawasan kemalangan telah dikenalpasti. Kemalangan jalan meningkat berkadar terus dengan pertumbuhan penduduk, ekonomi dalam pembangunan, perindustrian yang dihadapi oleh negara. Keadaan geometrik jalan dan lalu lintas merupakan salah faktor penting menyebabkan kepada kemalangan lalu lintas. Kerja lapangan dilakukan untuk mengumpul data seperti jumlah trafik, purata kelajuan kenderaan, lebar jalan, bahu jalan, jenis simpang, jumlah persimpangan dan juga jumlah persimpangan di lokasi yang dipilih. *Metrocount* dan *odometer* digunakan untuk tujuan ini. Dengan mempertimbangkan faktor-faktor yang menyumbang kepada kemalangan itu, kajian ini dilakukan untuk membangunkan model kemalangan dengan kaedah regresi. Model Ramalan Kemalangan adalah rangkaian maklumat yang bernilai kerana mempunyai pelbagai aplikasi yang boleh digunakan dalam analisis keselamatan jalanraya. Dalam analisis kemalangan, model statistic telah digunakan dalam bidang lebuh raya mahupun keselamatan trafik. Hasil dari analisis menunjukkan bahawa peningkatan pemberat titik kemalangan dapat dijelaskan oleh penambahan kelajuan dan jumlah trafik di Jalan Persekutuan 001 dan Jalan Persekutuan 024 adalah penyumbang kepada kemalangan lalulintas. Sementara itu, penambahan lebar jalan dan bahu jalan dapat mengurangkan kadar pemberatan kemalangan. Akhirnya, Model Ramalan Kemalangan yang dibangunkan dalam kajian ini diharapkan dapat membantu meningkatkan keselamatan jalan raya terutamanya untuk mengurangkan jumlah kemalangan pada masa hadapan di lokasi kajian termasuk di Johor dengan memperbaiki faktor-faktor yang telah dikenalpasti di dalam model.

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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Introduction

In Malaysia from year 2000 to 2009, there are 56,513 people killed on the road, 65,294 people were severe injury and 234,959 people were slightly injured in road accidents (Jabatan Keselamatan Jalan Raya (JKJR), 2000-2009). The accidents increase year by year although there are many programs have been carried out by the authorities in order to reduce the number of accidents.

The road accidents can happen in many types. Generally, the road traffic accident can categorized in four common types where the driver collide with another vehicle or a roadside object, when the driver leaves the lane where they are in, accidents at junctions include rear-end collision and angle or side impacts, accidents that involving pedestrians and cyclists and accident that collide with animals.

Factors that contribute to the road accidents involve human factors, road environment and vehicles. Intersection is one of the generally road infrastructure. Improper design at intersection can causes increasing number of accident. Accidents at the intersection currently occur whether vehicles are going to collision each other. Normally the accident at intersection happen when there are no enough space provide at storage lane at intersection for vehicle to turn right. Therefore, this situation causes lack of sight distance to the driver.

Intersection of road can classify as an area that shared by two or more roads where it is design for vehicle s to turn to different directions. Road intersection are complex where vehicles moving in different way of direction. At the same time, pedestrian also seek at the same place to crossing the intersection. Therefore, driver at intersection have to make decision by considering his route, intersection geometry, speed and direction for other vehicle to avoid any accident occur.

Conflicts at an intersection are different for different type of intersection. The number of conflict points increase rapidly with the number of intersection. With fewer conflict points the interacting volume is high. For 3-leg intersection are safer than 4-leg intersection. For signalized intersection also much safer compared to the non-signalized intersection. Traffic operation improves by provided greater distance between conflict points by mean of traffic island or auxiliary lane.

Accident at intersection gives high impact to the road users. In urban area where the traffic volume is high, intersection that provided must accommodate with the high volume for turning movement that traverse to large area. For this situation, the channelization is an effective to make sure that the road intersection safety. Intersection channelization is used to separate turns lane from trough lane that consist of solid white liners or barrier which guide the traffic so that the vehicle can safely negotiate the complex intersection. (Nicholas J. et al., 2002)

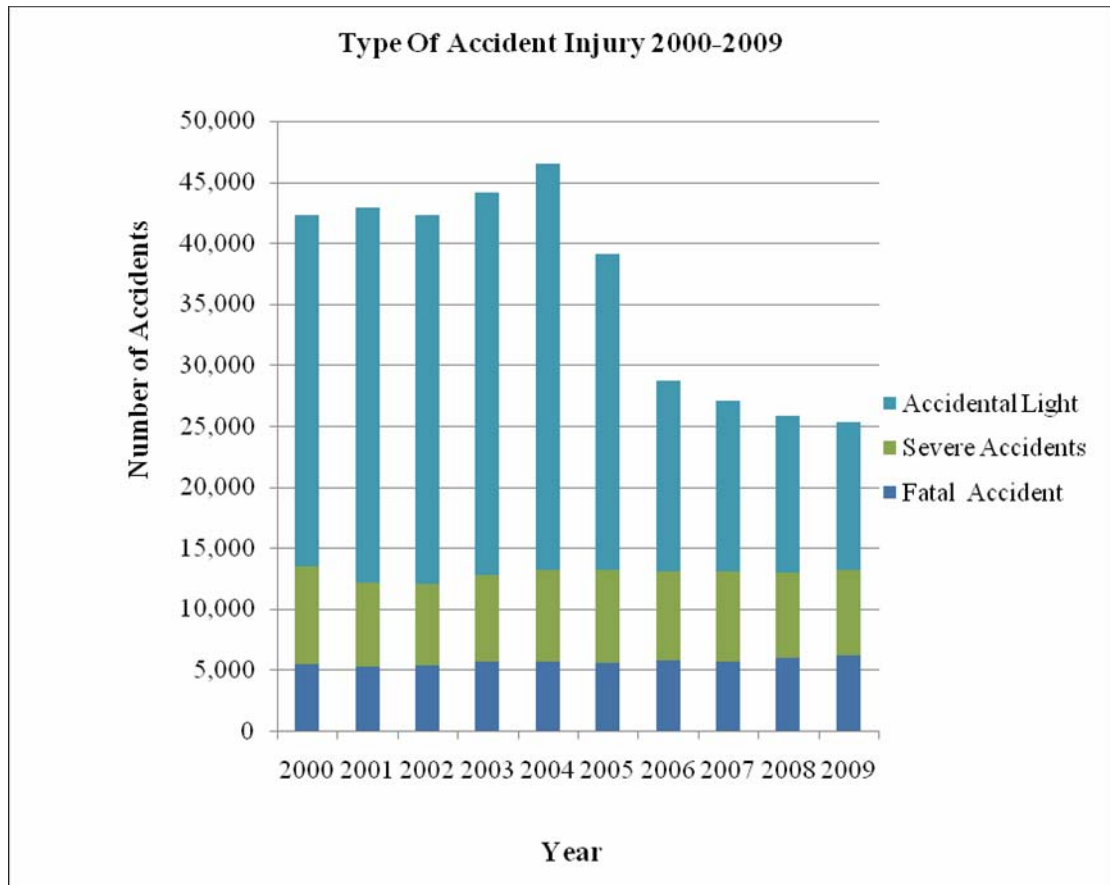
Statistical modeling are abstract, simplified that representations of reality that usually used both either in Science or Technology. Models can be deterministic or probabilistic. Accident prediction models analysis provide an estimate of road safety performance.

An accident prediction models is generally an algorithm pitting a dependent variable against several independent variables, each of which is assigned a constant. The dependent variable in an accident prediction model is the number of accidents, while the independent variables may be quantitative variables such as traffic flow, section length, pavement surface condition, infrastructures geometric characteristics, lighting, weather, and driver behaviors.

The estimation of the number of accidents is not only performed to determine the effect of design elements, but may also be used in estimating accident reductions

attributed to changes in the cross section of roads, assessing the potential safety impact of alternative cross sections when upgrading roads, predicting accident costs and as a measure of safety

In 2009 there were 397,194 road accidents that lead to 6,218 fatalities in Malaysia. Since 2000 to 2008 the accidents consistently above 6,000 but from year 2008 to 2009, the number of accident fatalities injury increases from 5,952 to 6,218.



*Source: Road of Transport Department*

Figure 1.1: Accident Injury Statistics (2000-2009)

## 1.2 Problem Statement

Road accident is one of the major causes of death and injuries in Malaysia. The Road Transport Department of Malaysia reported that the number of accident increase from 2000 to 2009 rapidly. Accidents surrounding area Johor shows the number of road accident rate increased from time to time makes road of Johor second higher after Kuala Lumpur. The comparison number of accident from 2008 to 2009 reported Johor give third higher after Kuala Lumpur about 3080 accident.

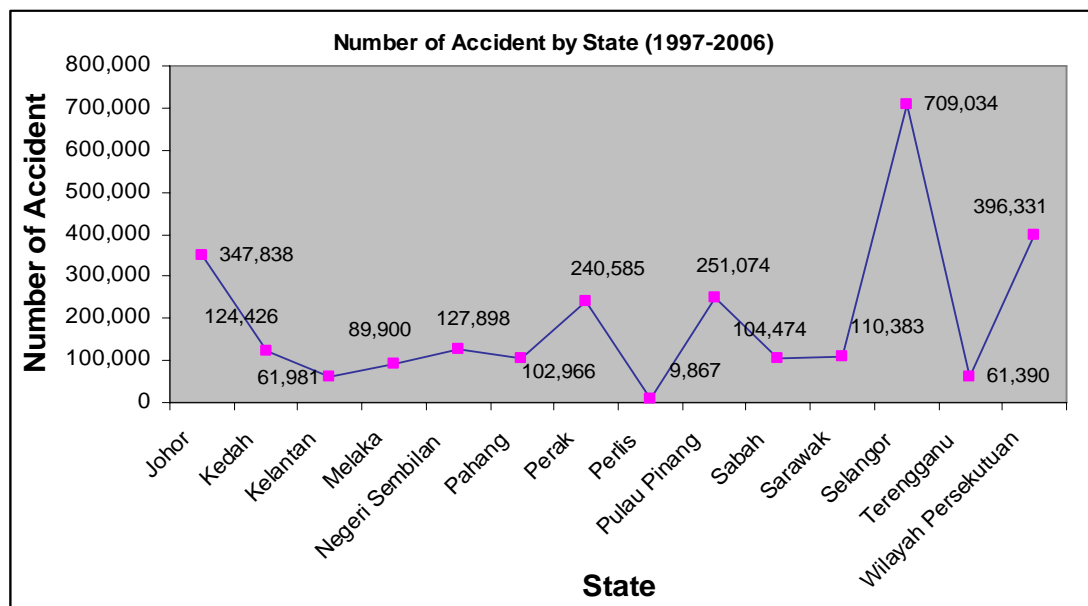


Figure 1.2: Number of Accident by State from 1997 - 2006

Federal Route FT001 (Johor Bahru-Air Hitam-Yong Peng-Labis), Federal Route 5; FT005 (Johor Bahru-Melaka) and Federal Route 24; FT024 (Yong Peng-Muar/Yong Peng-Parit Sulong) experienced 1,033, 2,764 and 925 road accidents between the years 2007 to Mei 2010 respectively; killing 169 people and injuring 539 people as shown in Figure 1.3.

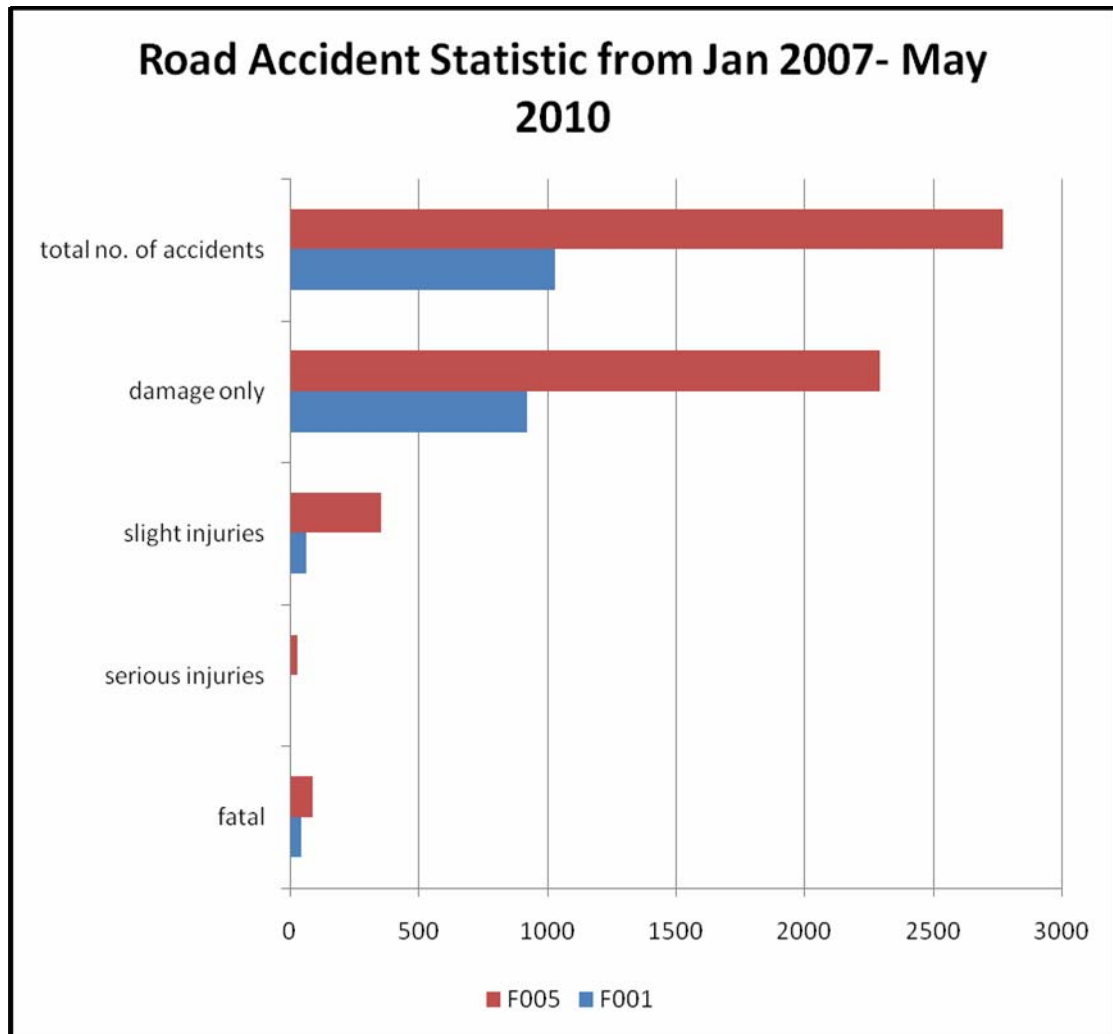


Figure 1.3: Road Accident Statistic (Royal Malaysian Police (RMP), 2007-May 2010)

This study is carried out to analyze the accident data to determine the location of accident at intersection with the highest rank of accident point weightage and to identify the causes of accidents occurred. For reducing the number of accidents, the accident prediction model will develop in order to improve the location of accidents and also to reduce the number of accidents.



### **1.3 Objectives**

The objectives of this study are as follow:

- a) To investigate accident hotspot locations at the intersection based on accident data and rank the section using Accident Point Weightage.
- b) To determine the factors contributing to the Personal Injury Accident at the hotspot location along Federal Route 001 and Federal Route 024 in the Batu Pahat area
- c) To develop accident prediction model using Multiple Linear Regression approach.

### **1.4 Scope of Study**

The scope of study will try to focus on two-lane freeway near the intersection federal road areas. The location covers accident hotspot area in Johor. The data of accident record will collect from the Batu Pahat Police Traffic Station.

By analyze the accident number and trend Multiple Regression will use to identify the significant of factors accident causes. The factors involved in transportation crashes consist of geometric factors characteristics and roadway conditions. These factors will analyze to develop the accident prediction model.

Figure 1.4 shows the Johor Killer Stretches along area Segamat, Batu Pahat and Ayer Hitam. The location of study consists of 3 main locations where the location was shown as below in Figure 1.5.



Figure 1.4: Death list stretches in Johor.



Figure 1.5: Batu Pahat District Map

## **1.5 Project report organization**

The first chapter of this report gives a general introduction of overall thesis content and the general background of parameters involved in the analysis of accident prediction model. The second chapter reviews the relevant literatures related to this study. Subsequently, chapter 3 discusses on the study methodology carried out for this study. Chapter 4 is the results and data analysis and finally chapter 5 concludes this project report.

## CHAPTER II

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1 Introduction

As we know that every day people have to travel. The travel times on the same part of the road can be different every day due to traffic congestion or other reasons. If the travel times on a given day and place would be known in advance another route or another departure time can be chosen. In that case, the travel times have to be predicted in advance also route planner are depending on travel time in order to avoid from an accident.

Accident is commonly occurring involving one or more transportation vehicle in collision that result in property damages, injury or death. Public always expected that transportation system safe and efficient for all user. Transportation is an essential part of modern existence, linking the various activities which people participate especially at home, at school, at work, and go to shopping also traveling.

From an empirical standpoint, most non-behavioral risk factors of accident on the freeway or arterial roadway are included highway geometry (horizontal and vertical alignment, shoulder width), traffic characteristics (average annual daily traffic (AADT) and percentage of trucks) and weather conditions (rain or snow). The findings indicated that number of lanes, narrow shoulder width, vertical grade, horizontal curve, AADT and their interaction can have significant influence on vehicle accidents.

The vertical and horizontal layouts of the highway make up the alignment. The design of alignment depends on primarily on the design speed selected for the highway. One factors need to be considered in design the alignment is the proper balancing of the grades of tangents with curvatures of horizontal curve and the location of horizontal and vertical curve with respect to each other.

From previous research Zeeger, (1998) based on data for two-lane in developed accident model with subordinate variable of accident rates by accident types and independent variables of the whole width of shoulder, the width of lane, road vertical alignment, average a daily traffic volume. The result showed that accident rate was decreasing with smooth vertical alignment, more less ADT and wider of lane, whole shoulder, as more less accidents.

By referred to Hadi and Aruldas(1998) study about developed an accident model by road-grade for Florida state. Using the independent variables were constant road length, AADT, the width of lane and shoulder, and the types and width of median barrier, existence of curve, speed limit, grade and the number of intersections. The result found that to widen the width of median barrier on the four-lane roads enhanced safety and roads with two-way and left-turn median barrier were safer than non-separation roads.

Kay Fitzpatrick (2001) applied the geometric structure variables such as the width of lane, existence of median barrier, curve radius, deflection angle, so examined the relations with accidents. Particularly, in road section of unlike width of lane has been shown an important variable through the model.

In the study of Bonneson and Mccoy(2001), they developed accident prediction model according to each condition by distinguishing separation and non-separation of left-turn lane separating roads away from median separation facilities. As a result, they proposed that accidents were affected by AADT, length of roads, density, and land use and so on.

The other researcher on accident at intersections (Bauer and Harwood, 2000) developed APMs for urban at-grade intersections in California. The data used involved collision types from 1990-1992. Three types of urban intersections were discussed, namely four-arm/STOP controlled, three-arm/STOP controlled and four-arm/signalized

intersections. The response variable was the number of accidents at the intersections. Multiple linear regression was used to analyze data from four-arm (STOP-controlled and signalized) intersections while Poisson and negative binomial regression models were used for three-arm/STOP controlled intersections. Finding showed that the four-arm/signalized models for all accidents showed a positive relationship between increased AADT on major and minor road and, signal timing on the total number of accidents compared to three-arm/STOP controlled.

Bauer and Harwood (2002) provided direct input in to the Accident Analysis Module of the IHSDM. The analysis included all collision type using three-year crashes frequencies from year 1990 to 1992. Bauer and Harwood used SAS GENMOD procedure in performed the data. The models were developed using the GLM approach with a log-normal regression model and log linear regression model. The variables that follow up to be significant at the intersection:

- a) Major road ADT (average Daily Traffic) and minor road ADT
- b) Average lane width on major roads
- c) Number of major and minor roads
- d) Outside shoulder on major roads
- e) Road lightning
- f) Access control on major road
- g) Design speed on major road
- h) Road turning channelization

## **2.2 Factor Contributing to Accident**

Accident influenced by many factors. There are five factors causing accident driver related factor, crash type, roadway factors, roadway factors, environmental factors, and vehicular factors. Meanwhile, cause of accident road divisible to two part that are human carelessness and environment (PDRM, 2001)

### 2.2.1 Human Factors

When alcohol or drugs are involved in the crash it is more likely to be ended as a high severity crash in both types of highways as the relevant variables has positive parameter in both of the case. The alcohol involvement has been recorded as whether alcohol presented or alcohol contributed towards the crash based on the judgment made by the police officer.

According Paden M, *et al.* (2004), in many high – income countries about 20% of fatally injured drivers has excess alcohol in their blood (above the legal limit). While studies in low-income countries have shown alcohol to be present in between 33% and 69% of fatally injured drivers.

These finding about the alcohol in blood were also confirmed by (Bedard and Lu, 2002) revealed that the odds ratio of a fatal outcome of a crash increases with age, reaching 4.98 for drivers aged 80+ compared to the drivers aged 40–49 years. Female gender and blood alcohol content greater than 0.30 were also to be found associated with higher fatality odds. Also, the driver side impacts doubled the odds of fatality compared to frontal impacts.

Many type of drugs detected in accident victims are liable to impair driving skills, there is still uncertainty as to whether this translates to an increased accident risk. Likely, drugs include cannabis, opiate – like drugs such as heroin and morphine (Olaf H. Drummer, *et al* (2004)).

As many previous studies have revealed the variable speed has the tendency of increasing the severity of a crash as it has a positive estimated parameter irrespective of whether freeway or arterial roadway crash. When, at least one of the drivers involved in the crash does not use seatbelts the risk of having a more severe crash is high. In addition, when the driver is injected or trapped in the vehicle due to the crash there is a higher probability of resulting in higher severe crash in both freeway and arterial roadway.

According to Paden M *et al.* (2004), the driver's speed choice is influenced by a number of factors that can be considered as :



- a) Driver-related factors (age, sex, alcohol level, number of people in the vehicle).
- b) Factor relating to the road and the vehicle ( road layout, surface quality, vehicle power and maximum speed)
- c) Traffic-related and environment-related factors (traffic density and composition, prevailing speed, weather conditions).

### **2.2.2 Geometrical Factors**

Irrespective of the crash occurrence area, the variable related with the roadway geometry results in a positive parameter. This implies the fact that when the roadway is not leveled and straight it is more likely to be resulting in a high severity crash. When a crash occurs on an urban or rural interstate or local road the probability of having a more severe injury is less, compared to arterials and collectors.

This may be due to the fact that, when people drive in local roads they might be more careful and also there might be lesser vehicular interactions due to the low traffic volumes on those highways. On interstates, the decreasing trend in having more severe injuries may be due to high safety attributes available on those highways almost uniform travel speed conditions.

### **2.2.3 Environmental Factors**

When the crash occurs on a wet road surface, which indeed has less skid resistance, it seems to be ended with a lesser severe crash in both urban and rural roadways as the variable related to the road surface condition gives a negative parameter. This may be

due to the fact that drivers are more cautious under severe weather conditions and try to maintain lower driving speeds under these conditions.

On the other hand, when the crash occurs under dark or unlit conditions in urban areas, the severity of the crash is going to be higher. However, this variable is non-significant in rural areas.

#### **2.2.4 Vehicular Factors**

When the vehicle maneuver before the crash is straight and following the roadway, the propensity of having a more severe crash is high in both urban and rural crashes. The consideration of this factor was in comparison with other types of vehicle maneuvers such as, right turning, left turning, and lane changing. This is in consistency with finding of this study as when two vehicles collide head-on the severity of the crash is increased. In addition, the vehicular faults have the tendency in resulting higher severe crashes in urban roadways. The vehicular faults include faults in tires, wheels, brakes, and windshield.

According to parameter estimations, when the vehicle is registered, chance of having more severe crashes is less in rural areas but in urban areas it is going to increase the severity of the crash. The selection of this variable was based on the intention of assessing the effect of the driver familiarity with the surrounding.

### **2.3 Crash Type**

Single vehicle crashes are significant over two vehicle crashes and animal-vehicle crashes in increasing the severity of a crash in rural areas. This is provided by having positive parameters for rollover crashes and negative parameter for crashes that occur on the roadway.

That is, when the crash occurs off the roadway there is a higher risk for having a severe crash. However, in urban areas, both the single vehicle and multi vehicle crashes are significant but crashes related to animals are non-significant towards the severity of the crash

Classification of the road accident is recorded by the Royal Malaysian Police (RMP). This is determined by the severity of the most seriously injured casualty involved either slight, serious or fatal, using the following criteria :

- a) Slight injury – an injury of minor character such as a sprain, bruise, cut or laceration not judged to be severe or slight shock requiring roadside attention.
- b) Serious injury – an injury for which a person is detained in hospital as an “in patient”, or any of the following injuries whether or not detention result, fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushing, severe cuts and lacerations, severe general shock requiring medical treatment, injuries causing death 30 or more days after the accident.
- c) Fatal – death from injuries sustained, resulting than 30 days after the accident.
- d) Damage only – damage on vehicle. It is not include fatal and injured.

## **2.4 Intersections**

An intersection is an area, shared by two or more roads, whose main function is to provide for the change of route directions. Intersections vary in complexity from a simple intersection, which has only two roads crossing at a right angle to each other, to a more complex intersection, at which three or more roads cross within the same area.

Intersection area gives high influence of many vehicle and pedestrian path that may have conflict with each other. Drivers therefore have to make a decision at an intersection concerning which of the alternative routes they wish to take. This effort,

which is not required at non-intersection areas of the highway, is part of the reason why intersections tend to have a high potential for crashes.

Intersection can be classified into three general categories where there are grade-separated without ramps, grade-separated with ramps, and at grade. Grade separated usually consists of structure that provide for traffic to cross different levels without interruption. The crashes around grade-separated intersection is reduced due to many of potential conflict between intersecting streams of traffic are limited. Meanwhile at grade intersection there are exist conflicts between intersecting streams (Nicholas J. Garber *et al*, 2003).

#### **2.4.1 Conflict Points at Intersections**

An intersection has a set of conflict points between vehicle paths, and a good design should aim at minimizing the severity of potential accident at these points. The number of conflict points increase rapidly with the number of intersection. With fewer conflict points the interacting volume is high. For 3-leg intersection are safer than 4-leg intersection. For signalized intersection also much safer compared to the un-signalized intersection. Traffic operation improves by provided greater distance between conflict points by mean of traffic island or auxiliary lane.

Conflicts occur when the traffic streams moving in different directions with each others. There are three types of conflicts merging, diverging, and crossing.

The number of possible conflict points at any types of intersections depends on the number of approaches, the turning movement at intersections, and the types of traffic control at the intersections.

Figure 2.1 and Figure 2.2 shows that the different conflicts points that exist at for four-intersecting and three-intersecting un-signalized intersections.

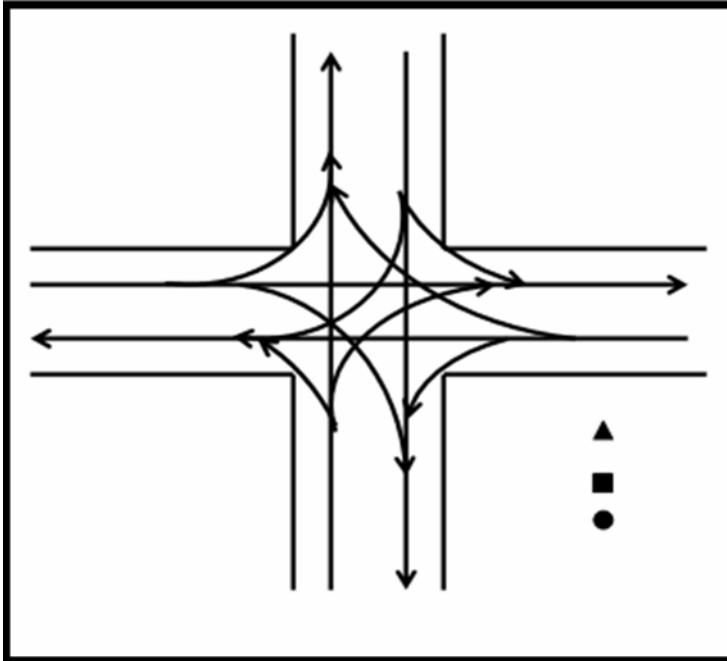


Figure 2.1: Conflict points at a Four-Approach Un-signalized Intersection

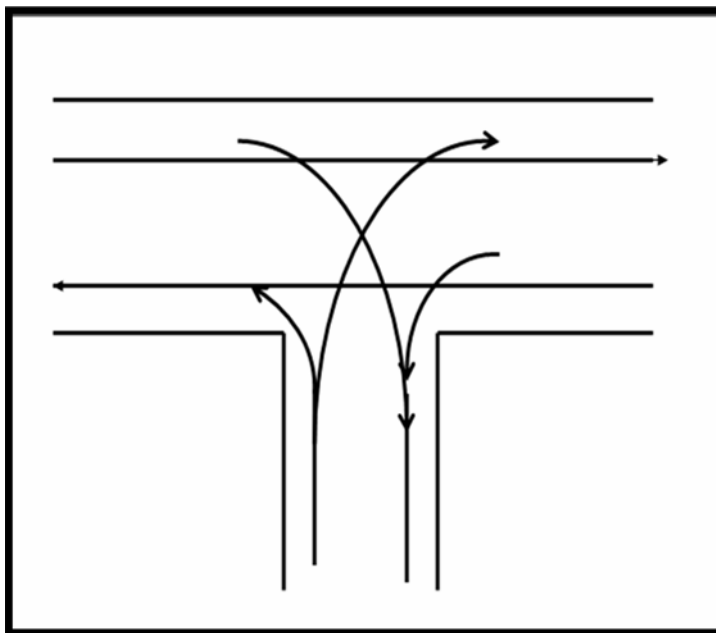


Figure 2.2: Conflict points at a Three-Approach Un-signalized Intersection

Table 2.1: Relationship between Conflicts of Intersection.

Total Intersection	Conflict Diverging	Conflict Crossing	Conflict Merging	Total Conflict
3	3	3	3	9
4	16	8	8	32
5	49	15	15	79
6	124	24	24	172

## 2.5 Accident Prediction Model

Statistical or crash prediction model have frequently been used in highway safety studies. They can be used in identify major contributing factors or establish relationship between crashes and explanatory variables, such as traffic flows, type of traffic control, and highway geometric variables.

Multiple Regressions is a statistical technique that allows us to predict model on one variable on the basis of their scores on several other variables. Multiple Regression provided a unified approach to many of the most common statistical procedures used in applied statistics. With using prediction model technique, crash prediction models are developed to estimate the safety performance of certain geometric design features of an existing or planned roadway.

Previous research applied Poisson or negative binomial regression models because of the distributional property of vehicle accidents (Milton and Mannering, 1998). Although the Poisson regression model has desirable statistical properties for describing vehicle accidents, it has an important constraint, which is that the mean and variance of the accident data are constrained to be equal. To overcome this constraint, the negative binomial regression model, has been employed to analyze vehicle accidents (Miaou, 1994; Poch and Mannering, 1996; Hadi et al., 1995; Shankar et al., 1995; McCarthy, 1999; Carson and Mannering, 2001).

For previous research discussed about the relationship between relating the number of accidents, of a specified type, to explanatory variables such as vehicle flows. As a results (Maycock and Hall, 1984; Hauer et al., 1988; Maher and Summersgill,

1996) recognized that the single flow model, the true mean number of accidents is model.

For non-junction accidents, Summersgill and Layfield (1996) were investigated non-junction single carriageway by derive the relationship between accident frequency and traffic, pedestrian flows and the features and layout of the road. Their intended use was to identify the potential design improvement, economic appraisal of improvement, effect of traffic management schemes and generally optimize safety and mobility for all road users. The variable that measures considered included:

- a) Vehicle flow –AADT both direction, various type proportions
- b) Pedestrian flow and density – including proportion of adults age group by sex
- c) Speed limit
- d) Type of end junction, and type of adjacent junctions
- e) Number of lane
- f) Lane width
- g) Gradient
- h) Visibility
- i) Number of private or public accesses
- j) Bus stop – bays, markings offside
- k) Refuges
- l) Crossing type
- m) Parking and loading regulations
- n) Centre road markings
- o) Warning sign

The AADT link section flow showed that pedestrian density crossing the ink section per unit length. The researchers found that more accident involve pedestrians from near-side than far-side. Although there was no speed variable include, some significant of variable do modify speed.

A paper by Garber and Ehrhart (2001) investigated about the two-lane highway noted that crash rate was related to the hourly traffic by a U-shaped curve, for examples higher crash rates at lower volumes in early morning and late day hours. As traffic volumes increase speed variances decrease and it is the speed variance that affect the crash rate. It is also noted that the lane width and shoulder width main characteristics affect the safety. Studies have found that the decrease of crash rates with increase lane width.

Hakkert et al (1996) found that two lane roads safety increase with narrower shoulder widths. Researcher collected the 2year and 6 months of accident data for two-lane roads in Virginia and also speed, lane width and shoulder width. They used Multiple Linear Regression and Multivariate ratio of polynomials in modeling. They used coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) to measure the strength of linear component and Akaike's information criterion (AIC) for Multivariate models. The researcher concluded that only Multivariate Ration of polynomials model is adequate. For two lane roads, crash rate is dependent upon a complex interaction between the standard deviation of speed and flow per lane.

Chung, (2005) discovered that Generalized Linear Models is widely used, is that elements affecting in accident are categorized data. Moreover, because accidents are discrete essentially, expression of difference about accident reaction is most efficient in expressed data system by categorized style. And this method makes it possible to test significance of categorized data as fixed quantity.

Compare to the Multiple Linear Regression, Chung (2005) the model has various shortcomings to use for predicting the number of accident. First, dependent variables are assumed to follow normal distribution in this model, but the number of accident is not so. And it is assumed that there is no relation between error and independent variable, but this assumption is not always true in case of accident in actuality. In addition, this model can deduce the negative number that could not appear as the number of accident. Moreover, when accident did not happen in any spot, this method always predicts zero as the number of accident, and this result strains the truth that zero number means that spot absolutely safe.



The result from the analysis, the model formula was expressed as Equation 1 below:

$$\ln(\mu) - \ln(F) = \beta_0 + \beta X^T \quad (1)$$

Where,  $\mu$  : E(y)

F: Offset

Y: Number of accident in the total intersection

$\beta_0$ : Dummy Variable

$\beta$  : Vector of parameter

X : vector of the independent variable

For Canale et. Al used data from 400 intersections in the urban area of Catania. The data included accident in 3-years period, traffic volume, geometric characteristics, and traffic control. The set of model developed predict the injury accident frequency in a 3 year period for the following intersection types:

- a) Three-leg no control intersection
- b) Three leg stop controlled intersection
- c) Four-leg, no control intersection
- d) Four-leg, stop controlled intersection
- e) Four-leg, signalized intersection.

Result from the testd both the types of statistical model by using lognormal regression and loglinear regression model (Poisson regression). However from the analysis for all the intersection types the statistical analysis revealed that loglinear regression model was more appropriate.

From the previous research, Luis (1998) analyses the accident prediction model at unsignalised intersection by using Generalized Linear Method using GLIM software. The data that involved consists of traffic volume data and accident data for three years

for T and 4-leg intersections. The models that developed were assumed follow the negative binomial distribution that been included from GLIM software package.

By using the negative binomial distribution, eight different accident models were predicted. The first model included the entire data set that related to the accident data and traffic volume for major and minor roads. The rest of models were classified based on the characteristics such as intersection types (T and 4-leg intersection) regional characteristics and intersection control types.

The results from previous research showed that both models (T and 4-leg intersection) shows that the T intersections were safer compared to the 4 leg intersections. Besides, the results also indicated that the staggered was effective in reducing the prediction number of accidents. The reduction was increased as the traffic volume on the major or minor road increased.

Considering the researcher Poul Greibe (2003) that predicted the models of intersection based on data variables such as traffic flow (motor vehicle, heavy vehicle and vulnerable road users), length of the road section, speed limit, one/two way traffic, number of lanes, road width speed reducing measures, number of minor road crossing/exits/side roads, cyclist facilities, footway, central island, parking facilities, bus stop, and land use.

Poul Greibe used generalized linear modeling techniques to fit the model and the distributions of accident counts were assumed to follow a Poisson distribution. The regression analyses were performed using GENMOOD procedure in SAS software. From data of 1024 junctions and 142km of road links, a number of model were estimated. The model produced in percentage explained and the value in the area of 40% to 80% where the junctions seem to be at lower ends. The 3-legged intersection and 4-legged intersection was examined and it shows that that non-signalized junction in general was safe as signalized junction with the same traffic flows. The accident distribution also shows that the signalized junction have less crossing accident compared to the un-signalized junction but more contribute to the rear-end accidents.

Refer to R. S. Radin etl (2003), the model also were predicted by using Generalized Linear Modeling approach by using Poison and negative Binomial. 53 intersections of urban areas in four discreet of Selangor areas were selected. Data on

motorcycle crashes, traffic flow, pedestrian flow, traffic speed, intersection geometry, number of intersecting legs and land use were assembled and used in this study. Based on the multivariate analysis, the model as Equation 2 was predicted.

$$MCA = 0.01315 QNMm^{0.1597} QNMn^{0.0973} QMm^{0.1071} QMn^{0.1336} EXP^{(0.02418SPEED - 0.0967LWm - 0.0907LWn - 0.01079LNm - \beta_6SHDW + \beta_7LU)} \quad (2)$$

Where      MCA = motorcycle crashes per year,  
 $\beta_6 = 0.0, 0.01809$  and  $0.0502$   
 SHDW = 1, 2 and 3  
 $\beta_7 = 0.0$  and  $0.01789$   
 LU = 1 and 2

Explanatory Variables	Estimates	Standard Error	Degrees of Freedom	Scaled Deviance	T-statistic	Sig.at 0.05	Mean Deviance
Constant	-4.33100	0.40300	52	12501.0	-10.73	Yes	240.4
QNMm	0.15970	0.03400	51	773.4	4.70	Yes	15.2
QNMn	0.09730	0.01710	50	340.8	5.69	Yes	6.8
QMm	0.10710	0.01940	49	271.9	5.53	Yes	5.5
QMn	0.13360	0.03900	48	222.3	3.43	Yes	4.6
SPEED	0.02418	0.00286	47	92.6	8.44	Yes	2.0
LWm	-0.09670	0.03300	46	77.7	-2.93	Yes	1.7
LWn	-0.09070	0.03700	45	70.1	-2.45	Yes	1.6
LNm	-0.01079	0.00520	44	63.3	-2.07	Yes	1.4
SHDW (2)	-0.01809	0.00720	42	46.5	-2.51	Yes	1.1
SHDW (3)	-0.05020	0.01240	42	46.5	-4.06	Yes	1.1
LU (2)	0.01789	0.00765	41	41.0	2.34	Yes	1.0

Note: Estimates for factors (2) and (3) are differences compared with the reference level (1)

Source: R. S. Radin et al (2003)

Results show that traffic flow, approach speed, lane width, number of lane, shoulder width and lane used at intersection were significant to the motorcycle crash at non signalized intersections and the model can be used at the intersection to decrease the motorcycles crashes for future.

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