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ABSTRACT

Traffic accidents have been recognized as one of the major causes of human and economic losses in both developed and developing countries. In 2010, Malaysia recorded a total of 414,421 accidents, resulting in an average of 19 deaths from road accidents every single day. This research analyzed the factors relevant to fatal and serious accidents on rural federal roads in Malaysia. The objective was to identify the dangerous vehicle movements and factors posing significant risks for fatal-serious accidents at access points (non-signalized minor junctions) and to suggest countermeasures.

This research consists of seven Chapters. Firstly, Chapter 1 provides a discussion of accident trends and traffic studies in general. In Chapter 2, the scope was then narrowed down to focus on the accident black spot in order to identify the hazardous or black spot sections. Chapter 3 further examines the quantitative accident records and traffic characteristics for each of the selected sections. Next, Chapter 4 focuses on vehicle movements at non-signalized intersections. Chapter 5 provides the methodology and procedures adopted in the development of accident prediction models. Chapter 6 focuses on the development of gap acceptance model. Finally, Chapter 7 provides the development of serious conflict model.

This research carries out numerous surveys to observe various traffic movements, including right and left turns, from minor and major roads, in addition to many other characteristics, in order to construct accident analysis models. One of the findings is that right-turn motorcycles caused serious conflicts and right turn movement was considered

to be the most dangerous movement. Based on this finding, this research further examines the driver behavior of gap acceptance and serious conflicts using the proposed four gap patterns for a right-turn vehicle from minor to major roads at access points in Road Section 10 of the Federal Road 50 (Unchannelized intersection connected 2-lane minor and 4-lane major roads). In addition, further analysis is performed to identify the gap pattern and the factors relevant to serious conflicts. The results demonstrated that right-turning vehicles, especially motorcycles, apparently intended to start turning right in a very short gap and the approaching speed and the gap between a pair of vehicles from opposite directions in the mainstream were the critical factors causing serious conflicts to the right-turn vehicles. In addition, this research studies more on the other two non-signalized intersections located in Road Sections 2 (Channelized intersection connected 2-lane minor and 6-lane major roads) and 9 (Unchannelized intersection connected 2-lane minor and 4-lane major roads with a traffic signal in close proximity) of the Federal Road 50. The results found that the existence of channelization on the intersection encouraged the right-turn vehicle to accept a longer gap. Furthermore, the combined analysis of all the three un-signalized intersections (Road Sections 2, 9 and 10), reveals that angular serious conflict, nose-tail conflict, and if the second vehicle in the pair in the mainstream is a motorcycle or a passenger car, can significantly influence the right-turn vehicles to accept a short gap. On the other hand, a traffic light located in a relatively close distance to the access point, as well as channelization on the intersection can cause the right-turn vehicles to accept longer gaps.

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NOTATION

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Approximately 1.3 million people die each year on the world's roads and between 20 and 50 million people sustain non-fatal injuries. According to the World Health Organization (2009) in 2004, deaths due to road accidents was the ninth cause of deaths worldwide and in the year 2030 it is predicted to be the fifth leading cause of deaths worldwide. The Global Status Report (WHO 2009) on road safety carried out a broad survey road in 178 countries which revealed that road traffic injuries are on the most significant public health problems, especially for developing and undeveloped countries. Motorcyclists, pedestrians and cyclists appear to be most likely killed on the roads. More attention needs to be given to these road users in road safety program (WHO 2009).

Growth in urbanization and in the number of vehicles in many developing countries has led to the increase in traffic accidents on road networks which were never designed for the volumes and types of traffic which they are now required to carry. In addition, unplanned urban growth has led to incompatible land uses, which has resulted in high levels of pedestrian/vehicle conflict. The drift from rural areas to urban centre often results in large numbers of new urban residents who are unused to such high traffic levels.

As a result, there has often been a severe deterioration in driving conditions and a significant increase in hazards and competition between different classes of road users of the road system. In addition, the inherent dangers have often become worse by poor road maintenance, badly designed intersections and inadequate provision for pedestrians. All of these have contributed to serious road safety problems now commonly found in developing countries.

To many road projects could be the reason why road agencies responsible for the maintenance of the road network cannot keep pace with road construction. The result is that roads are often badly in need of maintenance, traffic signage is often inadequate, facilities for pedestrians are poor and guidance to drivers via channelization or other control measures is rarely available. These general deficiencies in the operational and control aspects of the road systems are worsened by the fact that drivers are rarely adequately trained and tested, traffic law enforcement is ineffective and driver behavior in respect of compliance with the road rules is frequently very poor. The net result of these inadequacies is the very high incidence of road accidents involving casualties and fatalities.

Gradual elimination of the most hazardous locations on the road networks and the adoption of safety conscious approaches to the design and planning of new road networks have contributed greatly towards improving traffic safety. Even though the eventual solutions may differ, the approaches and systematic methods used in industrialized countries to improve road safety are readily applicable to the developing world.

1.2 Objective of the Study

In light of the above, the main aim of this study is to identify the dangerous vehicle movements and factors which significantly contribute to road accidents causing serious injuries and fatalities at access points (non-signalized minor junctions) and to suggest countermeasures. To accomplish this, the following objectives were set:

1. To identify accident trends and severe accident spots (black spots) on the Malaysia rural Federal Road 50.
2. To collect data for all traffic volumes, movements (including right and left turnings, from minor and major roads, and by type of vehicles), approaching speeds, gaps (headway) and road geometry.

3. To identify the dangerous vehicle movements and factors posing significant risks for fatal-serious accidents at access points (non-signalized minor junctions) and to suggest countermeasures.
4. To carrying out an in-depth analysis of the behaviors on gap acceptance and serious conflict as the dangerous movements at access points (non-signalized T-junction) in order to clarify the factors causing fatal and serious accidents.
5. To identify gap pattern for right turning vehicles from minor road to major road at non-signalized junctions on Malaysia rural Federal Road 50.
6. To develop serious conflict models by using logistic regression in order to identify the critical gap patterns and factors relating to serious conflict at the non-signalized intersection.

1.3 Scope of Study

The scope of the project cover stretches from KM1- KM38 Batu Pahat –Ayer Hitam and investigates accident trends and identifies black spots. The accident record data used in the study was collected over a 10 years period from 2000 to 2010 from the District Police Traffic. The study also used an accident database on selected road sections from 2006 to 2010 for accident analysis. An appropriate statistical analytical tool was required to identify the hazardous location that caused the accidents, thus enabling the recommendation of improvements at selected sites to reduce the accident rate. The study developed an accident prediction model that included eleven sections of road: Section 2, 5, 8, 9, and 10 of the Batu Pahat area and Road Section 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the Parit Raja area. The study concentrated on Road Section 10, 9 and 2 of Batu Pahat area for the purpose of carrying out an in-depth analysis of the behaviors on gap acceptance and serious conflicts, as the dangerous vehicle movements at access points in order to clarify factors causing fatal and serious injury accidents. Furthermore, this study purposed four gap patterns for right turning vehicles from minor road to major road and established the fatal and serious conflict model by using the technique of logistic regression.

1.4 Structure of the Thesis

The rest of the thesis is organized, as follows;

This research is presented in seven major chapters. The **first chapter**, we discuss the objective and scope of the study.

The **second chapter** presents a review of the literature on accidents on rural roads and problems causing accidents in undeveloped and developing countries. The chapter also includes a compilation of accident data in Malaysia and highlights the significance of the study.

In **Chapter three**, the main characteristics of accident and traffic studies at non-signalized intersections on Malaysian rural Federal roads are identified. This is done in five steps. First, the subject is put into perspective through a discussion of accident trends and traffic studies in general. The scope is then narrowed down to focus on accident black spot studies to identify the hazardous or black spot sections. The third step focus on quantitative accident records and the traffic characteristics of each selected section. The next step focuses on vehicle movements at non-signalized intersections. Finally the methodology and procedures adopted for the development of accident prediction models are presented and the different developed models are discussed. In this chapter, we analyze the accident factors relevant to fatal and serious accidents and investigate the accident point weighting using a correlation coefficient and regression technique.

Chapter four, analyzes the factors affecting to fatal and serious traffic accidents on the Malaysia rural Federal Road 50, with respect to access points and various vehicle movements. Base on the result of the previous chapter, we carried out an in-depth analysis of dangerous vehicle movements, gap acceptances and serious conflicts with of right-turning vehicles (including motorcycles and passenger cars) from minor roads, to ascertain their importance contributing to fatal and serious accidents. This chapter also presents the methodology and procedures adopted for developing a of

gap acceptance movement model and established the serious conflict models for section 10 intersection.

Chapter five concentrates on the two non-signalized access points located in sections 2 and 9 of the Batu Pahat area. The development of gap acceptance models and the analysis of right-turning vehicles for these sections were similar to that for section 10—in chapter four except the fatal and serious conflict model. Four gap patterns were proposed at access point (non-signalized minor junctions) in Road Section 9. Meanwhile five gap pattern were introduced at access point in Road Section 2.

Chapter six, deal with three access point in Road Sections, namely (2, 9 and 10). Several gap acceptance models have been developed involving two types of combined Section – the first combination is Road Section 10 and 9; and, the second combination is Road Section 2, 9 and 10. The gap pattern analysis has been carried out for each Road Section.

Finally, **chapter seven** presents the main findings of this study and the recommendations for further research. The methodology applied to achieve the objectives of this study is shown in the flow chart in Figure 1.

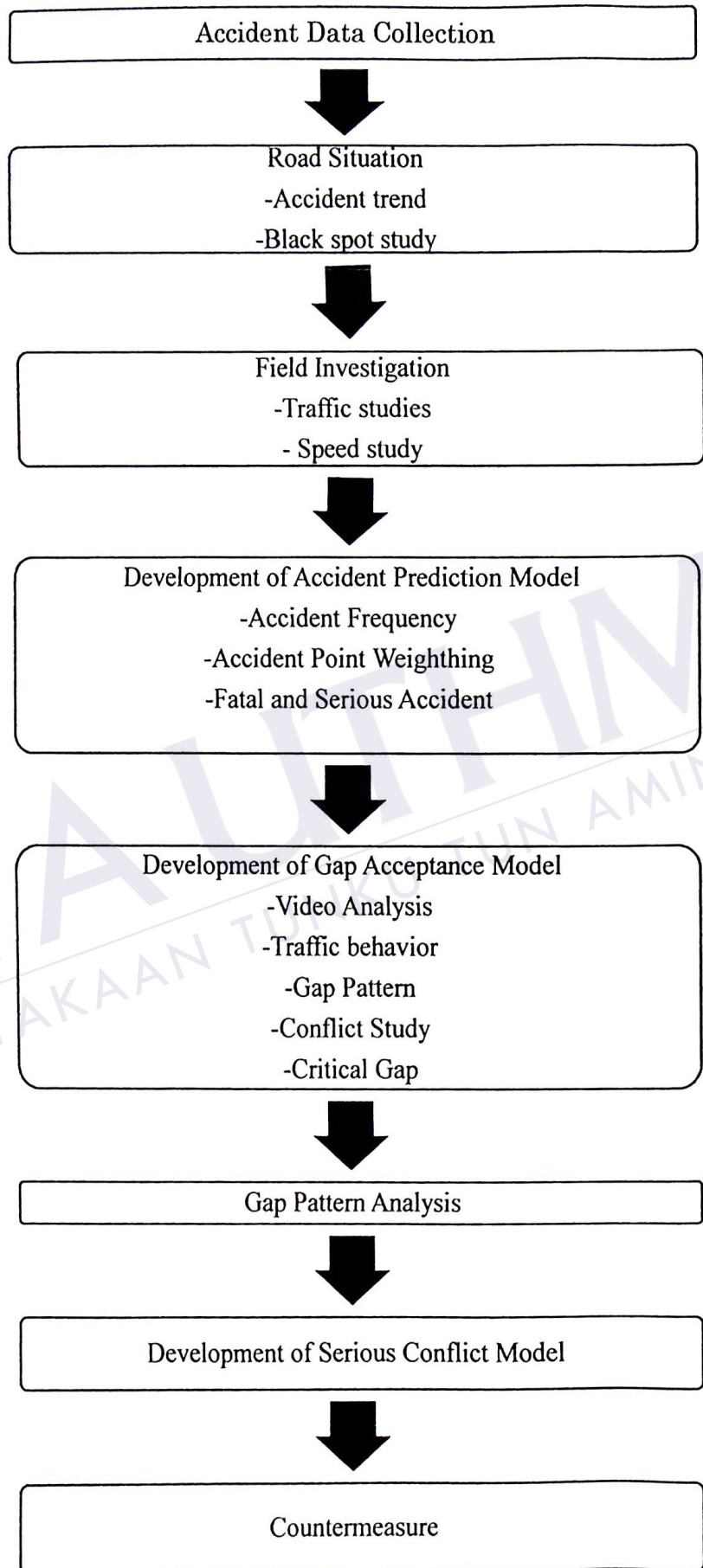


Figure 1: Research methodology flow

CHAPTER 2

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS STUDIES

2.1 Introduction

As the road networks in developing countries are at an early stage of development, engineers in those settings have the opportunity to draw upon the experience of developed countries where road networks have already passed through similar stages (although less rapidly than is being currently experienced in developing countries). The adoption of proven strategies from industrialized countries (such as accident black spot elimination and safety conscious design and planning of road networks) offers unparalleled opportunities to make significant and lasting improvements to road safety. Many developing countries continue to repeat mistakes made by numerous industrialized countries, such as still permitting linear development with direct access from frontage properties along major roads, even though this is known to lead to road safety problems.

One factor that all industrialized countries have found to be of crucial importance in their effort to improve road safety is the availability of accurate and comprehensive accident data, so that the problems can be properly defined and suitable remedial measures can be devised. Consequently, before developing countries can emulate industrialized countries, it is essential that comprehensive accident data systems be established.

In order to maximize the impact of engineering on safety problems, it is necessary to apply measures at various stages throughout the development of road networks. By incorporating good design principles from the start, it is possible to avoid many problems simply by planning and designing new roads in a safety conscious manner. Even where this has not been done, it may still be possible (although more expensive) to improve existing roads by the subsequent introduction of safety or

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