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CAN WE STUDY CARS WITH V^2 ROLLING RESISTANCE TERMS?

The current PROFILE simulation and its "offshoot" SPEEDCON (used to study speed control devices) can model cars whose rolling resistance can be represented by a constant term plus a term which is proportional to the velocity (V). However, it would be desirable in some situations to add a term which is proportional to the square of the velocity (V^2).

The rolling behavior of a car without the V^2 term is a linear differential equation with constant coefficients; the closed form solution for velocity and position as a function of time is well known and consists of exponentials and powers of t. Using the closed form solution in PROFILE and SPEEDCON allows them both to be an order of magnitude faster in running time as compared to using a numerical-integration procedure (e.g., Runge-Kutta) to solve the associated differential equation (whose parameters change with each track section).

Because the rolling behavior of a car with V^2 term is described by a non-linear differential equation, it had been assumed that no closed form solution existed and that we would have to use a numerical-integration procedure to solve the associated differential equation. Since this was considered impractical, both PROFILE and SPEEDCON could not accommodate a rolling resistance model with a V^2 term.

However, it now appears that even with a V^2 term, there does exist a closed form solution for the associated differential equation. The derivation of velocity and position as a function of time is attached. This implies that a simple modification to PROFILE and SPEEDCON would allow them both to accommodate a more complex rolling resistance model.

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DERIVATION: EQUATIONS WITH v^2 ROLLING RESISTANCE

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION OF CAR WITH v^2 TERM

(1) $\frac{dv}{dt} = C + BV + AV^2$

SEPARATION OF VARIABLES

(2) $\int \frac{dv}{C + BV + AV^2} = \int dt$

L.H.S. OF (2) IS IN INTEGRAL TABLES

FIRST
CONSTANT OF
INTEGRATION

(3) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}} \ln \left[\frac{2AV + B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2AV + B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}} \right] = t + K_1$

LET $\sqrt{\quad} \triangleq \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}$

TAKE EXPONENTIAL OF BOTH SIDES OF (3)

(4) $\frac{2AV + B - \sqrt{\quad}}{2AV + B + \sqrt{\quad}} = K_1 e^{\sqrt{\quad} t}$

(5) $v = \frac{K_1(B + \sqrt{\quad}) e^{\sqrt{\quad} t} - (B - \sqrt{\quad})}{2A(1 - K_1 e^{\sqrt{\quad} t})}$

EQUATION (5) GIVES v AS A FUNCTION OF t ,
WHERE $\sqrt{\quad} = \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}$ AND K_1 IS CONSTANT
OF INTEGRATION

WE ALSO WANT X AS A FUNCTION OF t,

WE REWRITE $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$, SO THAT (5)

BECOMES

(6)
$$\int dx = \int \frac{K_1(B+\gamma)e^{\gamma t} - (B-\gamma)}{2A(1-K_1e^{\gamma t})} dt + K_2$$

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SECOND
CONSTANT OF
INTEGRATION

(7)
$$X = \underbrace{\int \frac{K_1(B+\gamma)e^{\gamma t}}{2A(1-K_1e^{\gamma t})} dt}_{\text{TERM 1}} - \underbrace{\int \frac{(B-\gamma)}{2A(1-K_1e^{\gamma t})} dt}_{\text{TERM 2}} + K_2$$

TERM 2 IS IN INTEGRAL TABLES

(8)
$$\text{TERM 2} = (B-\gamma) \left[\frac{t}{2A} - \frac{1}{2A\gamma} \ln \{2A(1-K_1e^{\gamma t})\} \right]$$

HOWEVER TERM 1 NOT IN INTEGRAL TABLES

(9)
$$\text{TERM 1} = K_1(B+\gamma) \int \frac{e^{\gamma t}}{2A(1-K_1e^{\gamma t})} dt$$

LET $u = e^{\gamma t}$ $du = \gamma e^{\gamma t} dt$

$dt = \frac{du}{\gamma e^{\gamma t}}$

$$(10) \quad \text{TERM 1} = K_1 (B + \sqrt{\Delta}) \int \frac{du}{2A\sqrt{(1-K_1 u)}}$$

WITH A SUBSTITUTION OF VARIABLES
(10) IS FOUND IN INTEGRAL TABLES

$$(11) \quad \text{TERM 1} = -K_1 (B + \sqrt{\Delta}) \left[\frac{1}{2AK_1\sqrt{\Delta}} \ln \left\{ 2A\sqrt{(1-K_1 u)} \right\} \right]$$

SUBSTITUTING $u = e^{\sqrt{\Delta} t}$ INTO (11)

$$(12) \quad \text{TERM 1} = -K_1 (B + \sqrt{\Delta}) \left[\frac{1}{2AK_1\sqrt{\Delta}} \ln \left\{ 2A\sqrt{(1-K_1 e^{\sqrt{\Delta} t})} \right\} \right]$$

SUBSTITUTING (12) AND (8) INTO (7)

$$\begin{aligned} X &= -K_1 (B + \sqrt{\Delta}) \left[\frac{1}{2AK_1\sqrt{\Delta}} \ln \left\{ 2A\sqrt{(1-K_1 e^{\sqrt{\Delta} t})} \right\} \right] \\ &\quad - (B - \sqrt{\Delta}) \left[\frac{t}{2A} - \frac{1}{2A\sqrt{\Delta}} \ln \left\{ 2A(1-K_1 e^{\sqrt{\Delta} t}) \right\} \right] \\ &\quad + K_2 \end{aligned}$$

EQUATION (12) GIVES X AS A
FUNCTION OF t , WHERE $\sqrt{\Delta} = \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}$
AND K_1 AND K_2 ARE CONSTANTS OF
INTEGRATION.