Vehicle Performance

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Longitudinal equilibrium

- A cyclist goes down a road at 10° and he is braking.
- What is the maximum deceleration rate that he can apply before passing over his handlebar?



 $m = 80 \ kg$ $h = 0.90 \ m$ $b = 0.625 \ m$ $c = 0.375 \ m$

• Equilibrium equations



$$\sum F_x = 0 \qquad -(F_A + F_B) + mg\sin\theta = -m|a|$$
$$\sum F_z = 0 \qquad N_A + N_B = mg\cos\theta$$
$$\sum M_y(CG) = 0 \qquad N_A \cdot b - N_B \cdot c - F_A \cdot h - F_B \cdot h = 0$$

Solving for N_A using vertical equilibrium

 $N_A = mg\cos\theta - N_B$

Inserting into the rotation equilibrium

$$N_A \cdot b - N_B \cdot c - F_A \cdot h - F_B \cdot h = 0$$
$$(mg \cos \theta - N_B) b - N_B \cdot c - (F_A + F_B) \cdot h = 0$$

 The value of the braking force is given by the longitudinal equation

$$-(F_A + F_B) = -m|a| - mg\sin\theta$$



Substituting into the vertical equation,

$$(mg\cos\theta - N_B) b - N_B \cdot c - (F_A + F_B) \cdot h = 0$$
$$-(F_A + F_B) = -m|a| - mg\sin\theta$$

- It comes
- $b \cdot mg \cos \theta N_B (b+c) = (m|a| + mg \sin \theta) \cdot h$

 $N_B = b/L \cdot mg \cos \theta - (m|a| + mg \sin \theta) \cdot h/L$



The biker will pass over his handlebar if

 $N_B = 0$

• Which yields

$$N_B = b/L \cdot mg \cos \theta - (m|a| + mg \sin \theta) \cdot h/L = 0$$

$$\frac{b \cdot mg \cos \theta - mg h \sin \theta}{L} = m|a|$$
• The mass of the biker cancels out

$$\frac{b \cdot \cos \theta - h \cdot \sin \theta}{L} = |a|/g$$



 Finally, one can compute the deceleration rate at which the biker passes of the handlebar

$$\frac{b \cdot \cos \theta - h \cdot \sin \theta}{L} = |a|/g$$

$$h = 0.90 \ m$$

$$b = 0.625 \ m$$

$$c = 0.375 \ m$$

$$\frac{0.625 \cdot \cos 10^{\circ} - 0.9 \cdot \sin 10^{\circ}}{0.625 + 0.375} = |a|/g = 0.4592$$

$$|a| = 0.4592 \ g = 4.5 \ m/s^{2}$$

- Let's consider the Shell Eco Marathon prototype of University of Liege.
- We do some experiment to determine the horizontal and vertical position of the center of gravity of the vehicle.



- Q1/ Calculate the position of the center of gravity of the Ulg Eco Marathon prototype
- Q2/ Calculate the maximum slope assuming infinite engine power.

- Vehicle data
 - Wheelbase

L = 1.57 m

Adherence coefficient with the ground

 $\mu = 0.9$

- Experiment: weight measurement
 - On level road (θ=0%)

$$m_f = 64 \ kg \quad m_r = 36.2 \ kg$$

With a slope (θ=5.25%)

$$m_f = 63 \ kg$$
 $m_r = 37.2 \ kg$





Equilibrium equations





It comes

$$m a_x = \sum_{i} F_{xi} - \sum_{i} R_{xi} - mg \sin(\theta) - F_{AERO}$$

$$0 = mg \cos(\theta) - W_f^i - W_r$$

$$0 = W_f b - W_r c + \sum_{i} F_{xi} h - \sum_{i} R_{xi} h + F_{AERO} (h_A - h)$$

• Solving for the reaction forces under front and rear axles $W_f = mg\cos(\theta)\frac{c}{L} - ma_x\frac{h}{L} - F_{AERO}\frac{h_A}{L} - mg\sin(\theta)\frac{h}{L}$ $W_r = mg\cos(\theta)\frac{b}{L} + ma_x\frac{h}{L} + F_{AERO}\frac{h_A}{L} + mg\sin(\theta)\frac{h}{L}$



• In case of static conditions $W_f = mg \frac{c}{L}$

$$W_r = mg\frac{b}{L}$$

One can determine the CG position

$$W_f = mg\frac{c}{L} \Rightarrow c = \frac{W_f L}{mg}$$
 $W_r = mg\frac{b}{L} \Rightarrow b = \frac{W_r L}{mg}$

It comes

$$m = m_f + m_r = 64.0 + 36.2 = 100.2 \ kg$$

$$c = \frac{64 * 1.57}{100.2} = 1.003 \ m \qquad b = \frac{36.2 * 1.57}{100.2} = 0.567 \ m$$

• If we create a slope θ :

$$W_f = mg\cos(\theta)\frac{c}{L} - mg\sin(\theta)\frac{h}{L} = P_f\cos(\theta)$$

$$W_r = mg\cos(\theta)\frac{b}{L} + mg\sin(\theta)\frac{h}{L} = P_r\cos(\theta)$$



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One can identify the elevation of the center of gravity

$$h = \frac{(mg \, \cos(\theta) \, \frac{c}{L} - W_f) * L}{mg \, \sin(\theta)}$$

• In case of a slope of 5.25% $\theta = \arctan(\frac{5.25}{100}) = 3.0053^{\circ}$ $\frac{h}{L} = \frac{(100.2 * \cos(3.0053) * \frac{1.003}{1.57} - 63 * \cos(3.0053)) * 1.57}{100.2 * \sin(3.0053)} = 0.3024$ 15

If we create a slope θ:

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$$W_r = mg\cos(\theta)\frac{b}{L} + mg\sin(\theta)\frac{h}{L} = P_r\cos(\theta)$$

Alternative formula (see Lecture)

$$\frac{h}{L} = \frac{c P_r - b P_f}{P_f + P_r} \cot \theta \qquad \theta = \arctan(\frac{5.25}{100}) = 3.0053^\circ$$

• In case of a slope of 5.25%

$$\frac{h}{L} = \frac{0.567 \cdot 37.2 - 63 \cdot 1.003}{100.2} \frac{1}{\sin 3.0003^{\circ}} = 0.3027$$
$$h = 0.4757 \ m$$

- Let's compute the maximum slope, if we assume that the power and the tractive forces are very big.
- The nonslip condition under the live wheels writes

$$F_{w,f} \le \mu W_f \qquad \qquad F_{w,r} \le \mu W_r$$

• For rear wheel propulsion:

$$F_t = F_{RES} = mg\sin(\theta) + mg\cos(\theta)f \le \mu \ mg\left(\cos(\theta) \ \frac{b}{L} + \sin(\theta) \ \frac{h}{L}\right)$$
$$\tan(\theta) \le \frac{\mu \ \frac{b}{L} - f}{1 - \mu \frac{h}{L}}$$

In the present case, we get

$$\tan(\theta) \le \frac{0.9\frac{0.567}{1.57} - 0.0136}{1 - 0.9\frac{0.3024}{1.57}}$$

$$\theta_{max} = 20.6436$$
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Compute the maximum slope that the van and its boat trailer can climb without sliding if µ=0.3?



- Data of the van:
 - $W_f = 760 \text{ kg}$
 - W_r = 573 kg
 - Height of CoG h = 61 cm
 - Height of hook h_h = 35 cm
 - Horizontal position of the hook d_h=57,5 cm
 - Wheelbase L = 300 cm

- Data of trailer and its payload
 - W_t = 600 kg
 - F_{h,z} = 125 kg
 - Height CoG of the boat h_t=27,5cm
 - Wheelbase of the trailer L_t=275 cm



Free body diagram of the van + trailer



• Equilibrium of the van $m a_x = F_{hx} - W_b \sin \theta - F_{RRt} = 0$ $0 = W_b \cos \theta - F_{zb} - W_t$



• Equilibrium with respect to the trailer wheel contact point $W_b \cos \theta \ f - W_b \sin \theta \ h_3 + F_{hx} \ h_2 - F_{hz} \ L_t = 0$ $F_{hz} \ L_t = W_b \cos \theta \ f - W_b \sin \theta \ h_3 + F_{hx} \ h_2$ $F_{hz} = W_b \cos \theta \ \frac{f}{L_t} - W_b \sin \theta \ \frac{h_3}{L_t} + (W_b \ \sin \theta + F_{RRt}) \ \frac{h_2}{L_t}$ $F_{hz} = W_b \cos \theta \ \frac{f}{L_t} - W_b \sin \theta \ \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} + f_{RR} \ W_t \frac{h_2}{L_t}$

• Equilibrium of the van

$$m a_x = F_{hx} - W_b \sin \theta - F_{RRt} = 0$$

$$0 = W_b \cos \theta - F_{hz} - W_t$$

$$F_{hz} = W_b \cos \theta \frac{f}{L_t} - W_b \sin \theta \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} + F_{RRt} \frac{h_2}{L_t} \frac{W_t}{W_t}$$

$$e + f = L_t$$

• Equilibrium with respect to the trailer wheel contact point

$$W_{t} = W_{b} \cos \theta - F_{hz}$$

$$= W_{b} \cos \theta - W_{b} \cos \theta \frac{f}{L_{t}} + W_{b} \sin \theta \frac{h_{3} - h_{2}}{L_{t}} - F_{RRt} \frac{h_{2}}{L_{t}}$$

$$= W_{b} \cos \theta \left(1 - \frac{f}{L_{t}}\right) + W_{b} \sin \theta \frac{h_{3} - h_{2}}{L_{t}} - F_{RRt} \frac{h_{2}}{L_{t}}$$

$$W_{t} = W_{b} \cos \theta \frac{e}{L_{t}} + W_{b} \sin \theta \frac{h_{3} - h_{2}}{L_{t}} - f_{RR}W_{t} \frac{h_{2}}{L_{t}}$$

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- FRONT WHEEL DRIVEN VAN:
- Non-slip condition of the van

 $F_{xf} \le \mu W_f$

Tractive force

$$F_{xf} = F_{RR} + W\sin(\theta) + F_{hx}$$
$$F_{hx} - W_b \sin \theta - F_{RRt} = 0$$



It comes

$$F_{xf} = F_{RR} + W \sin(\theta) + F_{RRt} + W_b \sin \theta$$

= $(W + W_b) \sin \theta + (F_{RR} + F_{RRt})$
= $(W + W_b) \sin \theta + f_{RR} (W + W_t) \cos \theta$ $W_t \simeq W_b$

- Reaction under front wheels $W_{f} = W \cos \theta \frac{c}{L} - W \sin \theta \frac{h_{1}}{L} - F_{hx} \frac{h_{2}}{L} - F_{hz} \frac{d}{L}$ $F_{hx} = W_{b} \sin \theta + F_{RRt}$ $F_{hz} = W_{b} \cos \theta \frac{f}{L_{t}} - W_{b} \sin \theta \frac{h_{3} - h_{2}}{L_{t}} + F_{RRt} \frac{h_{2}}{L_{t}}$
- Let's <u>neglect the influence of the rolling resistance F_{RRt}</u> which is a second order term. It comes

$$W_f = W \cos \theta \frac{c}{L} - W \sin \theta \frac{h_1}{L} - W_b \sin \theta \frac{h_2}{L} - (W_b \cos \theta \frac{f}{L_t} - W_b \sin \theta \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t}) \frac{d}{L}$$

• Let's insert into the non-slip condition $F_{xf} \leq \mu W_f$

$$W + W_b) \sin \theta + f_{RR} (W + W_t) \cos \theta$$

$$\leq \mu \{ W \cos \theta \frac{c}{L} - W \sin \theta \frac{h_1}{L} - W_b \sin \theta \frac{h_2}{L} - W_b \cos \theta \frac{f}{L_t} \frac{d}{L} + W_b \sin \theta \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} \frac{d}{L} \}$$

This yields

$$\sin\theta \left((W+W_b) + \mu W \frac{h_1}{L} + \mu W_b \frac{h_2}{L} - \mu W_b \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} \frac{d}{L} \right)$$
$$\leq \cos\theta \left(\mu W \frac{c}{L} - \mu W_b \frac{f}{L_t} \frac{d}{L} - f_{RR}(W+W_t) \right)$$

We get

$$\tan \theta \leq \frac{\mu W \frac{c}{L} - \mu W_b \frac{f}{L_t} \frac{d}{L} - f_{RR} (W + W_t)}{(W + W_b) + \mu W \frac{h_1}{L} + \mu W_b \frac{h_2}{L} - \mu W_b \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} \frac{d}{L}}$$

• If one denotes by ζ the ratio of the mass of the trailer and of the vehicle $\zeta = \frac{W_b}{W}$

$$\tan \theta \leq \frac{\mu \frac{c}{L} - \zeta \mu \frac{f}{L_t} \frac{d}{L} - f_{RR}(1+\zeta)}{1 + \mu \frac{h_1}{L} + \zeta \left[1 + \mu \frac{h_2}{L} - \mu \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} \frac{d}{L}\right]}$$

Numerical application

$$W_{f} = 760 \ kg \qquad \qquad W_{r} = 573 \ kg$$
$$W = W_{f} + W_{r} = 760 + 573 = 1333 \ kg$$
$$W_{f} = \frac{c}{L} W \qquad c = L \ \frac{W_{f}}{W} = 3000 \cdot \frac{760}{1333} = 3000 \cdot 0.57 = 1710 \ mm$$
$$W_{r} = \frac{b}{L} W \qquad b = L \ \frac{W_{r}}{W} = 3000 \cdot \frac{573}{1333} = 3000 \cdot 0.43 = 1270 \ mm$$

Numerical application

$$h = h_1 = 610 \ mm$$

$$\frac{h}{L} = \frac{610}{3000} = 0,2033$$

$$d = d_h = 575 mm$$

$$\frac{d}{L} = \frac{575}{3000} = 0.1916$$

$$h_2 = h_h = 350 mm$$

$$h_3 = h_{CG,b} = 875 mm$$

$$\frac{h_2}{L} = \frac{350}{3000} = 0.1167$$

$$\frac{d+L}{L} = \frac{575 + 3000}{3000} = 1.1916$$

$$L_t = 2750 \ mm$$
$$\frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} = \frac{875 - 350}{2750} = 0.1909$$
$$\frac{h_2}{L_t} = \frac{350}{2750} = 0.1273$$

Numerical application

 $W_t = 600 \ kg \qquad F_{hz} = 125 \ kg$ $W_b = W_t + F_{hz} = 600 + 125 = 725 \ kg \quad \zeta = \frac{m_b}{m} = \frac{725}{1333} = 0.5439$

$$F_{hz} = W_b \frac{f}{L_t} + f_{RR} W_t \frac{h_2}{L_t} \simeq W_b \frac{f}{L_t} \qquad \Delta F_{hz} = f_{RR} W_t \frac{h_2}{L_t} = 0.01 \cdot 600 \frac{350}{2750} = 0.7636 \ kg$$

$$f = L_t \frac{F_{hz}}{W_b} = 2750 \cdot \frac{125}{725} = 474.1379 \ mm \qquad \frac{f}{L_t} = 0.1724$$
$$e = L_t \frac{W_t}{W_b} = 2750 \cdot \frac{600}{725} = 2275.8620 \ mm \qquad \frac{e}{L_t} = 0.8276$$

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• Numerical application: max slope if $\mu = 0.3 f_{RR} = 0$

$$\tan \theta \leq \frac{\mu \frac{c}{L} - \zeta \mu \frac{f}{L_t} \frac{d}{L} - f_{RR}(1+\zeta)}{1 + \mu \frac{h_1}{L} + \zeta \left[1 + \mu \frac{h_2}{L} - \mu \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} \frac{d}{L}\right]}$$

 $\tan\theta \leq \frac{0.3 \cdot 0.57 - 0.5439 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 0.1724 \cdot 0.1916}{1 + 0.3 \cdot 0.2033 + 0.5439 \left[1 + 0.3 \cdot 0.1167 - 0.3 \cdot 0.1909 \cdot 0.1916\right]}$

 $\tan\theta \le 0.102387$

 $\theta \le 5.8442^{\circ}$

- REAR WHEEL DRIVEN VAN
- Non-slip condition of the RWD van

 $F_{xf} \le \mu W_f$

Tractive force

$$F_{xr} = (W + W_b) \sin \theta + f_{RR}(W + W_t) \cos \theta$$

• Reaction force under the rear axle of the van $W_r = W \cos \theta \frac{b}{L} + W \sin \theta \frac{h_1}{L} + F_{hx} \frac{h_2}{L} + F_{hz} \frac{L+d}{L}$ $F_{hx} = W_b \sin \theta + F_{RRt}$ $F_{hz} = W_b \cos \theta \frac{f}{L_t} - W_b \sin \theta \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} + F_{RRt} \frac{h_2}{L_t}$

 Reaction force under the rear axle of the van if we neglect the rolling resistance contribution

$$W_r = W \cos \theta \frac{b}{L} + W \sin \theta \frac{h_1}{L} + W_b \sin \theta \frac{h_2}{L} + (W_b \cos \theta \frac{f}{L_t} - W_b \sin \theta \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t}) \frac{d + L}{L}$$

Nonslip condition writes

$$\begin{aligned} (W+W_b) \sin\theta + f_{RR} (W+W_t) \cos\theta \\ &\leq \mu \left[W \cos\theta \frac{b}{L} + W \sin\theta \frac{h_1}{L} + W_b \sin\theta \frac{h_2}{L} \right. \\ &+ W_b \cos\theta \frac{f}{L_t} \frac{d+L}{L} - W_b \sin\theta \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} \frac{d+L}{L} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Nonslip condition writes

$$\sin\theta \left((W+W_b) - \mu W \frac{h_1}{L} - \mu W_b \frac{h_2}{L} + \mu W_b \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} \frac{d+L}{L} \right)$$
$$\leq \cos\theta \left(\mu W \frac{b}{L} + \mu W_b \frac{f}{L_t} \frac{d+L}{L} - f_{RR}(W+W_t) \right)$$

• Which gives

$$\tan \theta \leq \frac{\mu W \frac{b}{L} + \mu W_b \frac{f}{L_t} \frac{d+L}{L} - f_{RR}(W + W_t)}{(W + W_b) - \mu W \frac{h_1}{L} - \mu W_b \frac{h_2}{L} + \mu W_b \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} \frac{d+L}{L}}$$

Finally, the nonslip condition writes

$$\tan \theta \leq \frac{\mu \frac{b}{L} + \zeta \mu \frac{f}{L_t} \frac{d}{L} - f_{RR}(1+\zeta)}{1 - \mu \frac{h_1}{L} + \zeta \left[1 - \mu \frac{h_2}{L} + \mu \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} \frac{d+L}{L}\right]} \qquad \zeta = \frac{W_b}{W}$$

Numerical application: max slope if µ=0.3 f_{RR}=0

 $\tan \theta \leq \frac{0.3 \cdot 0.43 - 0.5439 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 0.1724 \cdot 1.1916}{1 - 0.3 \cdot 0.2033 + 0.5439 \left[1 - 0.3 \cdot 0.1167 + 0.3 \cdot 0.1909 \cdot 1.1916\right]}$

 $\tan\theta \le 0.10827$

 $\theta \le 6,1796^{\circ}$

For ALL WHEEL DRIVE (AWD) van, we get

 $F_{xf} + F_{xr} \le \mu \left(W_f + W_r \right)$

- Tractive forces (see FWD) $F_{xf} + F_{xr} = (W + W_b) \sin \theta + f_{RR}(W + W_t) \cos \theta$
- Reaction under front and rear axles

$$W_f = W \cos \theta \frac{c}{L} - W \sin \theta \frac{h_1}{L} - F_{hx} \frac{h_2}{L} - F_{hz} \frac{d}{L}$$
$$W_r = W \cos \theta \frac{b}{L} + W \sin \theta \frac{h_1}{L} + F_{hx} \frac{h_2}{L} + F_{hz} \frac{L+d}{L}$$
$$W_f + W_r = W \cos \theta \frac{b+c}{L} + F_{hz} \frac{L+d-d}{L}$$

• The reaction force under the van axles

$$W_f + W_r = W \cos \theta + F_{hz}$$
$$F_{hz} = W_b \cos \theta \frac{f}{L_t} - W_b \sin \theta \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t}$$

We get

$$W_f + W_r = W\cos\theta + W_b\cos\theta \frac{f}{L_t} - W_b\sin\theta \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t}$$

The non-slip conditions writes

$$(W + W_b) \sin \theta + f_{RR}(W + W_t) \cos \theta$$
$$\leq \mu \left[W \cos \theta + W_b \cos \theta \frac{f}{L_t} - W_b \sin \theta \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} \right]$$

The non-slip conditions writes

$$\begin{aligned} \left(W + W_b\right) + \mu W_b \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t} \right] \sin \theta \\ \leq \left[\mu W + \mu W_b \frac{f}{L_t} - f_{RR}(W + W_t)\right] \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan \theta \le \frac{\mu W + \mu W_b \frac{f}{L_t} - f_{RR} (W + W_t)}{W + W_b + \mu W_b \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t}}$$

$$\tan \theta \le \frac{\mu + \mu \zeta \frac{f}{L_t} - f_{RR}(1+\zeta)}{1 + \zeta (1 + \mu \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t})}$$

• Numerical application: max slope if $\mu = 0.3 f_{RR} = 0$

$$\tan \theta \le \frac{\mu + \mu \zeta \frac{f}{L_t} - f_{RR}(1+\zeta)}{1 + \zeta (1 + \mu \frac{h_3 - h_2}{L_t})}$$

$$\tan \theta \le \frac{0.3 + 0.3 \cdot 0.5439 \cdot 0.1724}{1 + 0.5439(1 + 0.3 \cdot 0.1909)} = 0.2083$$

 $\theta = 11.7681^{\circ}$