

## Traffic flow modeling by conservation laws

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Macroscopic traffic flow models are derived from fluid dynamics, and are intended to describe the evolution of macroscopic variables such as the density and the mean velocity of vehicles. After briefly introducing the basic theory for hyperbolic systems of conservation laws, we will review the models proposed in the literature (first and second order models, models with phase transitions, etc.), and compare their properties to qualitative features of traffic flow.