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Transportation Supply Models *road networks and transit systems*

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Transport modelling *General structure of simulation models*









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Supply models

- Through the simulation of supply facilities functioning, they allow the estimation of supply performances (i.e. level-of-service attributes), like:
 - travel times
 - speeds

. . .

- impacts (e.g. pollutant emissions)

 Given path flows, supply models allow the estimation of flows on supply facilities (links, nodes, ...)







Graph theory

<u>Graph</u> $G \equiv (N,L)$: is defined as an ordered pair of sets: N, the set of elements known as nodes or vertices, and $L \subseteq N \times N$, a set of pairs of nodes belonging to N, known as links or arcs.

Transportation graphs are usually **oriented**.

A link connecting the node pair (i,j) can also be denoted by a single index, say I.

<u>**Path</u>: sequence of consecutive links connecting an initial node (path origin) to a final node (path destination).**</u>







Graph theory









Link-path incidence matrix

Matrix whose generic element $a_{i,j}$ is 1 if link *i* belongs to path *j*, 0 otherwise









Examples

Graph of national railways infrastructures









Examples Graph of regional roads









Examples Graph of urban roads









Transport networks

Network:

graph whose elements are associated with a quantitative characteristic

MONO-MODAL NETWORKS

- road network
- public transport network
 - infrastructure network
 - service network

MULTI-MODAL NETWORKS

all modes and services together







Link characteristics

Infrastructure networks (e.g. roads, rail,....)

- ≻length
- geometric characteristics
- design speed

- Service Networks (air, bus, rail, maritime)
 - travel times
 - ➤ waiting times
 - ≻ fares
 - ≻…

▶...







Generalised costs

LINK COST:

$$c_1 = \beta_1 t_1 + \beta_2 cm_1$$

where:

- c₁ is the generalized transport cost related to link 1
- t₁ is the travel time for crossing link I
- cm₁ is the monetary cost (e.g. the toll) related to link I
- β_1 and β_2 reciprocal substitution coefficients







Generalised costs

PATH COST:

$$C_k = \sum_{l \in k} c_l = \sum_l a_{lk} c_l \longrightarrow \underline{C} = \underline{A}^T \underline{C}$$

where:

- C_k is the generalized transport cost related to path k
- c_l is the generalized transport cost related to link *l* belonging to path *k*
- a_{lk} is equal to 1 if the link / belongs to the path k, 0 otherwise
- <u>A</u> link-path incidence matrix
- \underline{C} path generalized cost vector
- <u>c</u> link generalized cost vector







Example









Flows

LINK FLOW f:

number of users (e.g. vehicles) crossing link / in the time unit

PATH FLOW \underline{F} :

number of users (e.g. vehicles) following path k in the time unit

$$f_l = \sum_k a_{lk} F_k \longrightarrow \underline{f} = \underline{A} \underline{F}$$

where:

- f_l is the flow on link I
- a_{lk} is equal to 1 if the link *l* belongs to the path *k*, 0 otherwise
- $\vec{F_k}$ is the flow on path k
- *f* is the link flow vector
- <u>*F*</u> is the path flow vector
- $\overline{\underline{A}}$ is the link-path incidence matrix







Example









Urban road graph

- ✓ nodes usually represent intersections
- ✓ links usually correspond to connections between nodes allowed by the circulation scheme









Urban road graph

- ✓ the level of detail depends on the scope of the simulation
- \checkmark the same element can be represented by different graphs









Transit (Public Transport) graph

Transit systems are different from private cars because they are non-continuous both in:

✓ space

as services accessibility is possible only in some points (*stops*)

✓ time

as services accessibility is possible only in defined time periods (according to the *timetable*)







Transit graph

Transit graphs are more complex than road ones as they have to represent non-continuity and intermodality (e.g. at least pedestrian access/egress to stops and stop-to-stop on-board travelling and possible vehicle changes at interchanges)







Transit graph Line-based approach

Transit graphs are usually made of :

- ✓ an access-egress sub-graph
- ✓ service (lines) sub-graph





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Transit graph Line-based approach









Cost functions

Cost functions give the generalised cost connected to the use of the generic link *I*, which is perceived by the user and influences his/her mobility choices.

Cost functions usually depend on the link flow as follows:

$$c_l(f) = cv_l(f) + co_l$$

with:

 $cv_l(f)$: variable cost (e.g. travel time and/or waiting time) co_l : fixed cost (e.g. tolls)







Cost functions for road links

Transport cost of a road link can be sub-divided into three components:

- running time (to cover the link);
- waiting time (at ending junctions, at toll gates, ...);
- monetary cost.

$$c_l(f) = \beta_1 tr_l(f) + \beta_2 tw_l(f) + \beta_3 cm_l(f)$$

with:

 $tr_l(f)$ running time of link *l* depending on flow vector $tw_l(f)$ waiting time on link *l* depending on flow link

 $cm_l(f)$ monetary cost of link / depending on flow link i.e. $cm_l = c_{toll} + c_{fuel}(f)$ β_1 , β_2 , β_3 homogenization parameters







Motorway links

Uninterrupted flow conditions (the waiting component can be ignored)

$$tr_{l}(f_{l}) = \frac{L_{l}}{V_{o}} + \delta \left(\frac{L_{l}}{V_{c}} - \frac{L_{l}}{V_{o}}\right) \left(\frac{f_{l}}{Cap_{l}}\right)^{\gamma}$$

with:

$$\begin{split} L_l &= \text{length of link } \textit{I} \\ V_o &= \text{average free flow speed} \\ V_c &= \text{average speed with flow} \\ &= \text{equal to capacity} \\ Cap_l &= \text{capacity of link } \textit{I}, \\ &= (\text{e.g. } Cap_l = \textit{Nlanes}_l \cdot \textit{Cap}_u) \\ \delta \text{ and } \gamma \text{ function parameters} \end{split}$$









Extra-urban links (2 lanes roadway)

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with:

$$\begin{split} L_l &= \text{length of link } I \\ V_o &= \text{average free flow speed} \\ V_c &= \text{average speed with flow equal to capacity} \\ Cap_l &= \text{total capacity of link } I, \text{ i.e. } Cap_l &= N_{lanes} \cdot Cap_u \\ \delta \text{ and } \gamma \text{ function parameters} \end{split}$$







Extra-urban links (2 lanes roadway)

Uninterrupted flow conditions (the waiting component can be ignored)

$$V_o = 56.6 + 3.2 L_u + 4.5 L_o - 2.4 P - 9.6T - 5.4D$$
 (km/h)

with:

- L_u width of the link (m)
- L_o distance of lateral obstacles from road side (m)
- P slope of the link (%)
- T winding degree of link (high = 1, null = 0)
- D lateral bother coefficient (1 if present, 0 otherwise)







Extra-urban links (1 lanes roadway)

Uninterrupted flow conditions (the waiting component can be ignored)

$$t_{r_{l}}(f_{l}, f_{l^{*}}) = \frac{L_{l}}{V_{o}} + \delta \left(\frac{L_{l}}{V_{c}} - \frac{L_{l}}{V_{o}}\right) \left(\frac{f_{l} + f_{l^{*}}}{Cap_{ll^{*}}}\right)^{\gamma}$$

with:

 $l* \qquad \mbox{link representing the opposite roadway to the considered one} \\ Cap_{ll*} \qquad \mbox{global capacity of both ways} \\ V_o(km/h) \qquad 56.6 + 3.2 L_u + 4.5 L_o - 2.4 P - 9.6T - 5.4D \\ \mbox{}$

At first approach the following values can be considered :

 $V_c = 40-45 \text{ km/h}; \text{ } Cap_{ll*} = 2000-2600 \text{ veic/h}; \text{ } \gamma = 3; \delta = 1$





Example of cost function Toll gate links

running time = mean waiting time (queue theory)

$$tw_{l}(f_{l}) = T_{s} + (T_{s}^{2} + \sigma_{s}^{2}) \cdot \frac{f_{l}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - f_{l}/Cap_{l}} \qquad f_{l} \leq \alpha Cap_{l}$$

$$tw_{l}(f_{l}) = tw_{l}(\alpha Cap_{l}) + \frac{d}{df}tw_{l}(f)\Big|_{f = \alpha Cap_{l}}(f_{l} - \alpha Cap_{l}) \quad f_{l} > \alpha Cap_{l}$$

with:

 T_{s}

mean operation time at gate

 σ_s^2 $Cap_l = N_{gate}/T_s$ variance of operation time at gate

capacity of the link (barrier) equal to the number of gates (N_{gate}) multiplied by the capacity of a gate ($1/T_{s}$)







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Urban road links

Such links are characterised by:

- ✓ short link length (some hundreds of meters)
- running speed barely influenced by flow, (short distance between junctions, speed limits)
- ✓ significant waiting time at junctions

running time tr_l

$$tr_{l}(f_{l}) = \frac{L_{l}}{V_{l}(f_{l})}$$

with:

- L_l link length
- V_l average running speed of link
- f_l flow on the link







Urban road links

average running speed V_l

 $V_l (km/h) = 31.1 + 2.8 Lu_l - 1.2 P_l - 12.8 T_l - 10.4D_l - 1.4 INT - [0.000053 + 0.000123 X] (f_l / Lu_l)^2$

with:

- Lu roadway width, once deducted the space occupied by parking [m]
- *P* mean slope in percentage unit (%)
- T winding degree of link [0,1]
- D circulation bother degree [0,1]
- INT number of secondary junctions per kilometer
- X shadow variable = 1 if overtaking is not allowed; = 0 otherwise

Link flow [veh/h].







Example of cost function Urban road links

delay at signalized junctions tw_l

(single junctions with traffic light with no reserved lane)

$$tw_l = tw_l(X_l)$$
 with $X_l = f_l / cap_l$

with:

 tW_I waiting time of link *I*

- X_{I} saturation degree of link *I* at final section
- S_l saturation flow of link *l* at final section, equal to the maximum number of vehicles that could pass if the light is continuously green ($\mu = 1$).
- μ green fraction
- G time length of effective green
 - time length of traffic light cycle





 T_c



Urban road links

delay at signalized junctions tw_l











Cost functions for transit *waiting time*



- Bus arrival time at bus stop
- imes User arrival time at bus stop
 - Frequency $\phi=1/10'$









more "attractive" lines:

Cost functions for transit



with

- tw_l average waiting time for line I
 - φ_l frequency of line *l* (number of runs/time unit)
 - θ = 0.5 for regular line arrivals
 - = 1 for random line arrivals







line nodes ___

line links

alighting link

Performance and impact functions

Mathematical functions relating performances and impacts to physical and functional parameters of the specific transportation systems and, in some cases, to link flows

Performance functions:

"internal" effects borne by the users, but not perceived in their mobility choices (e.g. indirect vehicle costs as consumptions, accident risks,...)

Impact functions:

effects "external" to the transportation system (e.g. noise and air pollution,...)









Examples of impact functions

Dispersion of air Pollutant: Gaussian models



o origin of the polluting source;

axis x = horizontal axis coinciding with the wind direction;

axis y = horizontal axis perpendicular to the axis x;

axis *z* = vertical axis perpendicular to *x*-*y* plane;

C = concentration of pollutant at point x,y,z (g/mc);

E = pollutant emission from the source per time unit (*g/sec*);

u = average wind speed (m/sec);

 \dot{x} = distance along the wind direction (*m*);

st = atmospheric stability class.





Examples of impact functions *Noise pollution*

Noise level simulation:

"Sydney" model (1977)

$$\begin{split} L_{10} &= 56 + 10.7 \, ln \, f - 18.5 \, ln \, d + 0.3 \, p \qquad [dB(A)] \\ L_{eq} &= 55.5 + 10.2 \, ln \, f - 19.3 \, ln \, d + 0.3 \, p \qquad [dB(A)] \end{split}$$

where L_{eq} is the equivalent noise level, f is the hourly link flow (summing up flows per direction in case of two-way streets), d is the distance (m) between from the edge of the carriageway and the road center line and p is the heavy vehicle percentage (experimental field $0 \le p \le 35\%$), weighting >3.5t; uninterrupted flow conditions.







Examples of impact functions *Noise pollution*

Noise level simulation:

"Reggio Calabria" model (1991)

$$L_{eq} = 52.78 + 5.20 \ln (f_{eq}/d) + 0.68 V$$

where L_{eq} is the equivalent noise level, f_{eq} is the link flow in equivalent vehicles (*veic/h*) with passenger car equivalent coefficient for trucks equal to 6, V is the average speed (*km/h*) and d is the distance (m) from the edge of the carriageway. Such a model was calibrated for an urban case with a U-building layout.





Building a supply model

a) Delimitation of the study area

b) Zoning

c) Selection of relevant supply elements (basic network)

- d) Graph construction
- e) Identification of performance and cost functions
- f) Identification of impact functions







Building a supply model









Reading materials

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