Transportation Theory and Applications

Lecture I: Introduction

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Course Syllabus

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Schedule:
Lectures: Th 12h15 - room 218
Labs: Th 16h15 - room 219

Course materials:
Topics

Topics we will try to cover in this course:
1. Transportation Planning
2. Characteristics of transport problems
3. Data and spatial modelling
4. Trip generation models
5. Trip distribution
6. Modelling and decision making
7. Modal split and direct demand models
8. Transport modelling in practice
Grading

❖ Exercises and Homework (50 %)
❖ Final Exam (50 %)

❖ NB: To take the exam at least 60 % of homework should be completed.
Transportation Theory

- Modelling transport is not done just for having fun with mathematical formulas, it has a purpose.
- Model is a simplified representation of the real world system and it is realistic from a particular perspective.
Transportation Theory

- Type of models:
  - Design models
  - (e.g. architecture, fluid mechanics, ...).
  - Mental models
  - (Used in our daily life to help understand and interpreting the real world and the abstract model).
  - Enhanced via discussion, training and experience.
  - Abstract models
  - Based on mathematical model.
Characteristics of transport problems

- Factors:
  - Congestions, delays, accidents, environment

\[ \begin{align*}
\sum_{i=1}^{p} O_{ij} &= \sum_{j=1}^{m} D_{ij} & \text{Balanced} \\
\sum_{i=1}^{p} O_{ij} &\neq \sum_{j=1}^{m} D_{ij} & \text{Unbalanced}
\end{align*} \]
❖ Traffic flow
  - Urban planning
  - General assessment
  - Management

❖ Traffic information
  - Travel time information
  - Forecasting
  - Traffic jams
  - Incident detection

❖ Network status and performance
  - Modality
  - Number of vehicles
Why

❖ You need to take a decision on:
  ❖ Building new roads
  ❖ Maintaining the infrastructure
  ❖ Modifying the public transport
  ❖ Upgrading the circulation in the city
  ❖ Modifying policies
❖ The need to understand a situation or assess its impact
  ❖ Pollution
  ❖ Jams
  ❖ Accessibility
  ❖ Economy
Why

Figure 8. Mobility savings framework

- Savings to commuters
  - Car operating costs saved
  - Time delay saved
  - Fuel wastage saved
- Savings to cities
  - Road construction costs saved
  - Road accidents avoided
  - Carbon emissions saved

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Transportation Theory

- The main goal behind transportation theory is to model transport in order to provide a quantitative information to make our mobility smarter with respect to our environment.

Key Tool for Decision Making
Transportation Planning

❖ Process:

- Problem
- Aims
- Assessment
- Solution
- Analysis & Forecasting
- Evaluation
- Decision

modelling
Transportation Planning

- Process:
  - Evaluation
  - Current status
  - Future prospectives
  - Planning
  - Public Transport
  - Environment
  - Infrastructure
The model

Representation of the transport system with its major key mechanism

Theoretical approach  Empirical approach

How to do proper representation?
The model

Tips:

- Define the main mechanisms, their decomposition and relationships between its components.

Challenges

- Non-trivial
- Non-linear
- Needs many feedback
Transportation mechanisms

Activities → Transport Mode → Accessibility → Land/Build/Space

- Transport Mode
- Activities
- Accessibility
- Land/Build/Space
Transportation mechanisms

Activities
- Trip
- Ability to travel
- Move
- Choice location

Accessibility
- Destination
- Route/time
- Travel time
- Cost
- Attractiveness
- Location / investors

Land/Build/Space
- Transport Mode
transport model

Zones networks

Base year data

Future planing data

Database

Base Year

Future

Trip generation

Distribution

Modal split

Assignment

Evaluation

output
Theoretical approach

❖ Descriptive models
  ❖ (Based on statistics or analogy to find out the relationship between input and output.)

❖ Models based on choice theory
  ❖ (solving a maximisation problem, or minimisation)

❖ Equilibrium concept
Empirical approach

Focus on:

- Nature of data
- Build a model based on data
- Test the model based on data
Data

- Nature of data
  - Transport system
    - Road network
    - public transport
    - policies
  - Semantic information
    - population
    - locations of interest
    - shops
  - Environment
Choice Theory

- Utility maximisation/minimisation
- Travel choice theory
Utility maximisation
Utility maximisation

Constraints

maximising personal utility

minimisation of travel time is not the only concern
Minimisation

- In general:
  - finding the minimum cost of transporting a single commodity from A to B locations.
  - Usually can be solved just by network methods (e.g. finding the shortest path)
Minimisation

Example:

\[ x_i : \text{quantity of the commodity transported} \]
\[ c_j : \text{the cost of transporting} \]
Minimisation

- Example:
  - The cost associated with this mobility is:
    - \( \text{cost} \times \text{quantity} \)
  - Thus,
    \[
    \text{Total cost} = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \sum_{j=1}^{m} c_{ij} x_{ij}
    \]
Minimisation

Example:

Summary: in order to minimise the transportation cost we have to solve the following:

- minimize: \( z = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \sum_{j=1}^{m} c_{ij} x_{ij} \)
- subject to: \( \sum_{j=1}^{m} x_{ij} \leq O_i \) for \( i = 1, ..., p \)
- and \( \sum_{i=1}^{p} c_{ij} \geq D_j \) for \( j = 1, ..., m \)
- where: \( x_{ij} \geq 0 \) for all \( i \) and \( j \)
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Demand:
- 7
- 10
- 13

**Balanced transportation model**

**Total supply?**

**Total demand?**
Balanced transportation model

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Total supply = 20 + 10 = 30
Total demand = 7 + 10 + 13 = 30
Total supply = Total demand
Solving the transportation problem

❖ recap:

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{p} O_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^{m} D_{ij}
\]

❖ Finding feasible solution

❖ [1. North-west Corner Method]
❖ [2. Least Cost Method]
1. North-west Corner Method

Steps

A. Start from the north-west corner box in the table by allocating the maximum amount allowable by the supply and demand constraints to the variable $x_{11}$

B. Exit the row or the column when the supply or demand reaches zero and cross it out, to show that you cannot make any more allocations to that row or column.

C. If a row or a column simultaneously reach zero, only cross out one (the row or the column) and leave a zero supply (demand) in the row (column) that is not crossed out.

D. Continue the process till only one row or column is left. Then, you can compute the cost of transportation.
Solving the transportation problem

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| Demand | 9 | 10 | 11 |
Solving the transportation problem

1. Least-Cost Method

   Steps

   A. Assign to the cell with the smallest unit cost as much as possible. In case there is a tie then choose arbitrarily.

   B. when a row or column satisfy the supply or demand cross it. In case a column or row are both satisfied then cross out only one of them.

   C. continue the process till one row or column is left. Then, compute the cost.
Solving the transportation problem

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Checking optimal solution

- So far we found initial basic solution
- is it really the optimal solution?
- For this reason we will introduce MODI method or U-V method (Modified distribution method) is an optimisation techniques used to find the optimal transportation cost.
- In our case we will modify the initial basic solution in order to find the optimal one.
Checking optimal solution

- Let’s suppose the cost $c_{ij}$ has two components: dispatch cost $u_i$ and reception cost $v_j$, Thus: $c_{ij} = v_j + u_i$
- The total number of basic variables are $m+p-1$
- The total number of $m+p$
- Hence we can assign 0 to $u_1 = 0$
Checking optimal solution

- and we will use $P_{ij}$ to reflect the penalty regarding the cost since:
  \[ P_{ij} = c_{ij} - (u_i + v_j) \]

- Process:
  - we assign values of $u_i$ and $v_j$ to the columns.
  - we enter the values $P_{ij} = c_{ij} - (u_i + v_j)$ in every cell.
  - if all the $P_{ij}$’s are negative, we have an optimal solution.
### Unbalanced transportation model

#### Example 1.2

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- Tow case:
  - demand exceeds the supply
  - or
  - supply exceeds the demand
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**Demand**

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*Demand exceeds the supply*

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**Example 1.2**

Unbalanced transportation model
Example 1.2

- Situations to consider:
  - the transportation costs can be considered as zero
  - or
  - Penalty cost “P”
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**Example 1.2**

Supply exceeds the demand
Example 1.2

- Situations to consider:
  - the transportation costs can be considered as zero
  - or
  - Storing cost “S”
Travel choice theory

- Travel behaviour
  - vary from one person to another
  - waiting times are usually overestimated
  - cost of driving a car or taking public transport may seem less expensive

All depends on the travel's perception