Macroscopic Modelling of Parking Dynamics in Urban Networks

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Urban Parking & Traffic Performance



Parking affect traffic through:
1. "Searching/cruising for parking" traffic
2. Extra traffic delay caused by parking maneuvers
↓ *On-street parking spots*

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Data related: Shoup (2005); IBM Global Parking Survey (2011); Cao (2014)

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Research question:

Under a given travel demand,

- How does parking system affect traffic performance?
- How does traffic affect parking system?

Microscopic

Macroscopic modelling of parking dynamics in urban networks

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The parking-state-based transition matrix of vehicles on network



In the matrix, the number of cars in each parking-state is shown.

See similar ideas used in Arnott (2008): Modelling parking; and Geroliminis (2007, Dissertation 4.2)

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Info shortage for any individual trip, as the system is not a FIFO.



"Queuing diagram" of vehicles on urban networks

Construct the Matrix

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-Incrementally construct the curves/matrix



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Basic variables:

- d the maximum driving distance of each car is d = vt.
- L the size of the network is L (the total length of the ring road).
- N at the beginning of the period, there are N cars searching for parking.
- A at the beginning of the period, a number of A parking spots are available.

See similar use of the ring road network in parking at Arnott (2008).

Model (results)

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when
$$d \in [0, s], n = N \cdot \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{d}{L}\right)^{A}\right]$$
.

when
$$d \in (s, L), n =$$

when $d \in [L, \infty)$, $n = min\{A, N\}$.

Eq 1(c)

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Eq 1(b)

Eq 1(a)

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Model (results)



For validation: the results (equation) is compared to the average value given by programmed experiments.

Summary

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- The model for n_{access} allow us to imitate a practical situation with the imbalance between parking availability and demand, as well as the parking search phenomenon.
- But the model neglects the influence of the network shape (by assuming all streets have the same likelihood of being visited), and personal requirements for parking.
- Next step, to find the value of n_{depart} , number of cars departs from the parking facilities. Then build the matrix under the current framework and assumptions.
- Explore information from the transition matrix (or queuing diagram), relax the assumptions and improve the model to more generalized conditions.