

A Novel Approach using Fuzzy Logic to Detect Traffic Control Systems*

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Abstract - This research establishes a fuzzy traffic control system based on fuzzy logic theory. This suggested system can effectively manage junction traffic congestion by regulating the time length of the green phase interval. Fuzzy logic can be developed on top of expert knowledge and integrated with traditional control approaches; however, rather than replacing traditional control methods, fuzzy control systems simplify the project implementation in many circumstances. The growing volume of traffic and road shortages cause traffic congestion in many places, affecting productivity, efficiency, and energy losses. The traffic signal controller operating approach at road junctions is a catalyst to this congestion.

Index Terms – Fuzzy Logic, Traffic Control, Membership functions, Fuzzy sets, Fuzzification.

INTRODUCTION

Most major cities across the globe have experienced traffic congestion. This traffic congestion may have an impact on the economy and slow down development. It also diminishes output, raises costs, and interferes with people's everyday lives. A large city's traffic problems may be caused by a variety of factors. Among these include an increase in the number of cars, a lack of adequate roads and highways, and the conventional traffic signal system. All of these elements may contribute to traffic congestion at the junction, but the classic traffic signal system is one of the most influential. Traffic lights are ubiquitous characteristics of metropolitan areas worldwide, limiting the quantity of automobiles. The primary objectives are to improve traffic safety at the junction, maximize capacity at the intersection, and minimize delays. In order to govern signal timings, a fuzzy logic controller may utilize linguistic and imprecise traffic data.

Consider the cities of Bangalore and Mumbai. According to a survey analyzing the traffic condition in 416 cities spanning 57 nations, Bangalore has the trounce traffic flow in the world, while Mumbai is near along in fourth place. A drive in Bangalore at peak traffic takes 71% lengthier. It is 65% slower in Mumbai [1].

There are now three conventional approaches that are utilized for the management of traffic, and they are as follows:

1) Conventional traffic signals with stable trackers: These are controlled by timers that are permanently set. A persistent number is placed into the timer. Depending on the timer setting, the lights automatically alternate between red and green in the junctions.

2) Electronic Sensors: The installation of proximity sensors or sensing devices or some loop detectors on the road is an additional innovative technique. This sensor provides information on the road's traffic. The traffic lights are regulated in accordance with the sensor information.

3) Manual Operation: Like the name implies, controlling traffic by hand is necessary. Traffic cops are assigned to a certain region in order to regulate traffic. To manage traffic, traffic police carry a placard, a sign light, as well as whistles.

These traditional approaches have a number of disadvantages. The manual control system demands a significant amount of labour. We cannot have traffic cops manually manage traffic in all sections of a city due to insufficient manpower. Therefore, a better traffic control system is required. Static traffic control employs a traffic signal with a predetermined timing for each phase, which does not react to the actual traffic on the road. When utilizing electronic sensors, such as sensor devices or loop detection systems, accuracy and coverage are frequently in conflict due to the fact that the collection of rising data typically relies on complex and costly technologies, and a limited budget will consequently reduce the number of amenities. Moreover, owing to the restricted operational range of most sensors, a network of services often needs a large number of sensors for comprehensive coverage.

Video monitoring and surveillance systems have been widely employed in traffic management in recent years for surveillance, road design, and delivering real-time updates and information to passengers. Artificial Intelligence based surveillance systems can also be employed to estimate traffic volume and count vehicles, which can subsequently be implemented to manage traffic signal timings to streamline traffic efficiency congestion. Our suggested system attempts to provide a fuzzy system based traffic signal controller that

can adapt to the present traffic environment. Our suggested solution can manage the traffic congestion at the junction and regulate the time length of the green stage interval effectively. It can determine the green light time length based on the number of cars waiting at the red light stage and the frequency of vehicles during the green signal. The Min-Max inference process and the Centroid Defuzzification approach will be used by the system to generate the crisp value for the green light period time as the outcome. This helps to optimize green signal periods, and traffic is cleared at a far quicker pace than a static system, eliminating undesired delays, congestion, and waiting time, and thereby lowering fuel consumption and pollution.

This paper will begin by providing a quick overview of the fuzzy traffic controller before delving into four case studies linked to the fuzzy logic-based traffic management system. Each of these studies shows a unique approach to developing a fuzzy traffic control system. Our suggested fuzzy system is emulated using a Python library with a graphical user interface, which will include the return values of all the fuzzy sets and membership algorithms used in the code for developing our fuzzy traffic management system.

Fuzzy logic allows for the simple and effective solution of complicated and non-linear issues. Fuzzy logic has several applications, including making decisions, control theory, pattern matching, image analysis, and health care.

I. LITRATURE REVIEW

There are two aspects to system of traffic lights. The first component is the traffic light, and the second component is the controller module. At congested crossroads, traffic lights are proposed to control flow of traffic. A traffic light signal, often known as a stop light, is a tell - tale sign used to manage the passage of cars and people at road junctions, pedestrian crossings, and other sites. Furthermore, traffic lights typically feature three major lights: a red light that means "stop," a green light that means "proceed," and a yellow light that means "stop if feasible." The next section discusses two typical traffic-control strategies: real-time (RT) traffic light algorithms and fixed-time (FT) traffic light control mechanisms. The fundamental idea behind a fuzzy traffic signal controller is to construct a control approach based on human inference. The traffic controller incorporates fuzzy logic theory to give an adaptive green interval reply based on shifting traffic load inputs. To solve the inefficiencies of traditional traffic controllers that have a constant cycle time depending on variable traffic load, a fuzzy logic control method is developed.

Below is a list of references providing an overview of prior study on this issue:

The author from [2] describes a traffic light governed by fuzzy logic that can respond to the present traffic conditions. For major and auxiliary lanes, this system employs two fuzzy

controllers with input variables and one outcome. The simulation using MATLAB and VISSIM enhanced traffic conditions at few traffic densities.

The author from [3] discusses numerous traffic signal control system strategies. This research notes that each approach has a basic architecture: selecting input data, acquiring traffic patterns from input data, processing it, determining density, and updating parameters.



Fig. 1 With a growing population and number of vehicles, urban traffic congestion is becoming one of the most significant problems.

II. PROPOSED SYSTEM

However, due to the significant rise in traffic (both public and private), there are several traffic congestions issues today. The traffic controller is one of the most important determinants of traffic flow. Existing traffic management systems are largely static, meaning that they do not adapt to the flow of traffic. A Fuzzy Logic-based Traffic Lights Control System is one of the possible alternative options. A reasoning strategy that matches human reasoning. Fuzzy logic imitates the manner in which people make decisions, which incorporates all intermediate possibilities between the digital values YES and NO.

Our suggested system attempts to provide a fuzzy system based traffic signal controller that can adapt to the present traffic environment. Our suggested solution can manage the traffic congestion at the junction. Fuzzy logic is superior because fuzzy systems may be developed quickly and are readily understood.

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A. Working Of Fuzzy Logic Control

A fuzzy control system includes the following elements:

a) Rule Base: This includes the fuzzy logic system's rules and membership functions that govern or control decision-making. It also includes the IF-THEN conditions used for conditional programming and system control.

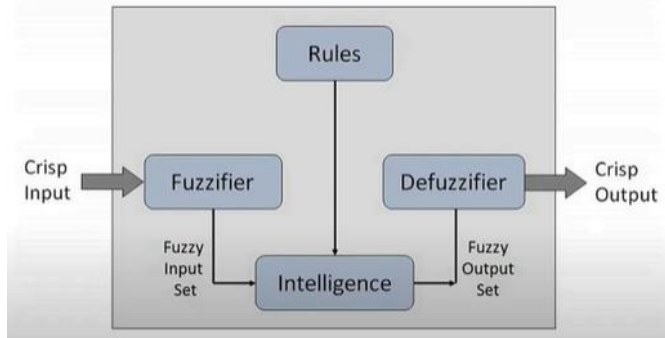


Fig. 2 Fuzzy logic architecture

b) Fuzzifier: This component converts raw inputs to fuzzy sets. The fuzzy sets are processed further by the control system.

c) Inference Engine: This is a device that determines the optimal rules for a certain input. These rules are then applied to the input data to provide a fuzzy output.

d) Defuzzifier: This component converts fuzzy sets to an explicit output (in the form of crisp inputs). Defuzzification is the ultimate phase of a system using fuzzy logic.

B. Fuzzy Logic Works For Traffic Lights

Using certain mathematical models, fuzzy technology may translate the human thought process into an algorithm for controlling the traffic flow system. In this scenario, sensors are assumed to exist at the intersection to be more realistic. Sensors are used to track the quantity of cars. In this case, our system applies fuzzy logic. Fuzzy if-then rules may be used to implement genuine regulations that are comparable to the way that traffic officers would regulate traffic signal lights.

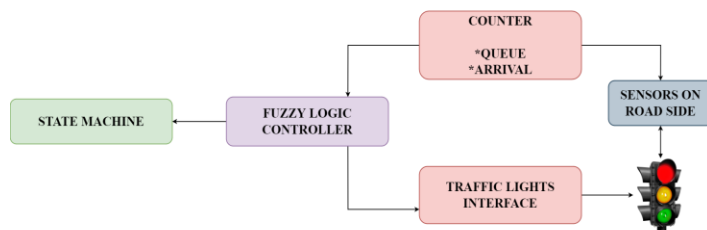


Fig. 3 Working of Fuzzy Logic for Traffic Control System

The controllers of traffic signals are required to alter the cycle period of the green light signal based on the number of arriving cars in order to optimize traffic flow and limit the average waiting time. It can regulate the lights based on the number of vehicles waiting at a red light and correspondingly adjust the timing to release or keep the vehicles. It replicates a crossroads where east-to-west and north-to-south traffic flows. There are sensors on both sides of the road. In a real-world

application, these sensors would consist of embedded electromagnetic sensors.

C. Fuzzy Rules

- Rule 1: If Arrival is Few Then Extension is Zero.
- Rule 2: If Arrival is Small and Queue is (Few or Small) then Extension is Short.
- Rule 3: If Arrival is Small and Queue is (Medium or Many) then Extension is Zero.
- Rule 4: If Arrival is Medium and Queue is (Few or Small) then Extension is Medium.
- Rule 5: If Arrival is Medium and Queue is (Medium or Many) then Extension is Short.
- Rule 6: If Arrival is Many and Queue is Few then Extension is Long.
- Rule 7: If Arrival is Many and Queue is (Small or Medium) then Extension is Medium.
- Rule 8: If Arrival is Few and Queue is Many then Extension is Short.

D. Modules of the Project

The built project can successfully manage the traffic congestion and lengthy line at the red light. It can regulate the lights based on the number of vehicles waiting at a red light and correspondingly adjust the timing to release or keep the vehicles.

The signals change in a cyclical form rather than following the direction with the highest density initially. This is consistent with the present system, in which traffic lights turn green sequentially and in a predetermined manner and does not require individuals to change their behaviour or generate confusion. In addition to maintaining the same signal sequence as the existing system, the yellow signals were also accounted for.

Order of signals: Red → Green → Yellow → Red

A simulation was constructed from ground using Pygame to imitate real-life traffic. It aids in visualising the system and contrasting it with the current static system. It has a four-way junction with four traffic lights. Each signal has a timer on top of it, which indicates the time left for the signal to go from green to yellow, yellow to red, or red to green. Each light also displays the number of cars that have passed the junction listed beside it. Vehicles such as automobiles, motorcycles, buses, trucks, and rickshaws stream in from all directions. In order to make the simulation more realistic, some of the cars in the rightmost lane turn to cross the crossing. When a vehicle is produced, random numbers are also used to determine whether the vehicle will turn or not.

It also features a timer that indicates the time passed since the commencement of the simulation. Fig. 4 displays a snapshot of the final outcome of the simulation. Pygame is a cross-platform suite of Python modules targeted for building video games. It provides computer graphics and

sound libraries meant to be utilized with the Python programming language. This enables users to construct fully functional games and multimedia applications in the python language. Pygame is very portable and operates on practically every platform and operating system. For successful implementation of the project, I used Python for Backend, Pygame to design Front end Interface (GUI). Some of the other Python requirements include Numpy, scikit_fuzzy, Scipy libraries, etc.

III. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The result of the developed Fuzzy system is as follows:

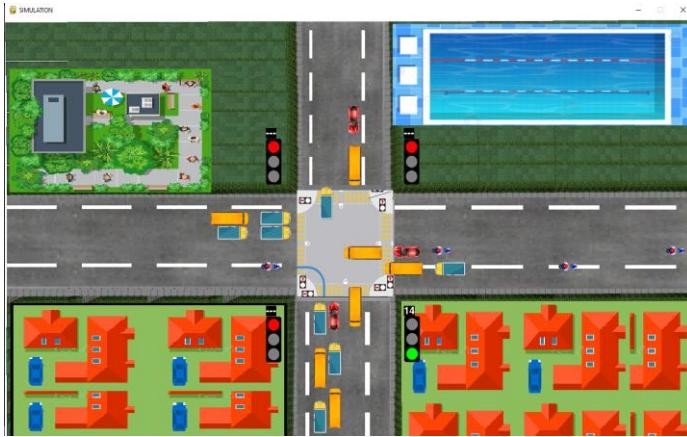


Fig. 4 Working of Fuzzy Logic to Detect Traffic Control Systems



Fig. 5 Working of Fuzzy Logic to Detect Traffic Control Systems

Fuzzy memberships are constructed based on the time. Memberships of F, S, M, M' (Few , Small , Medium , Many) and Z, S, M, L (Zero , Short ,Medium , Long) are arranged; we have the membership functions for related linguistic variables. For our implementation, we have designed triangular shaped membership functions. We employ the flow length and its waiting time, and these values are used to estimate how much the time delay should be.

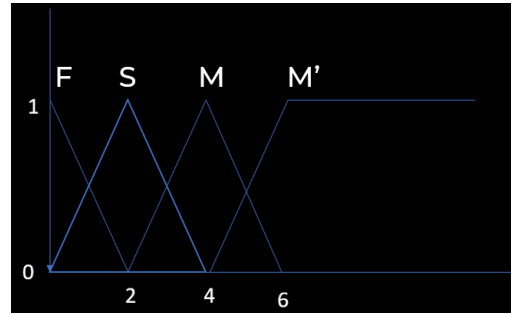


Fig. 6 Input Fuzzy Variable-1 (Arrival { Few , Small , Medium , Many })

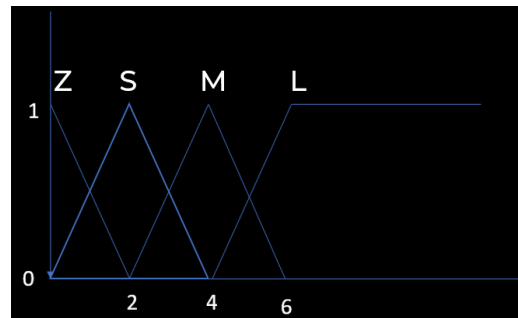


Fig. 7 Input Fuzzy Variable-2 (Queue {Zero , Short ,Medium , Long })

A program has been implemented in Python in order to simulate fuzzy logic controller for testing the controller's effectiveness. The system can contribute to mitigate the traffic congestion problem to maximum possible extent.

IV. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

From the foregoing project, we can infer that fuzzy logic plays a significant role in addressing large problems such as traffic jams. Fuzzy logic is superior because fuzzy systems may be developed quickly and are readily understood. We can resolve difficult challenges. The logic is solid, straightforward, and modifiable to our specifications. It can quickly make judgments since its logic system mirrors human thinking, allowing it to tackle even the most complicated situations with ease. However, fuzzy logic could get muddled since it requires frequent logic updates. A fuzzy logic controller relies entirely on human knowledge, reasoning, and experience. These controllers are incapable of identifying deep learning or machine learning or artificial neural networks. Due to erroneous data, the system's effectiveness is at risk.

Based on the completed project, there are still questions and concerns that may be addressed in next research. The difficulties include Controlling a vast number of intersections concurrently to maintain the uninterrupted flow of traffic, particularly during traffic congestion. Using contemporary UAV-based data collecting and quick mapping techniques to reduce traffic congestion.

The insertion of criteria characterizing emergency scenarios in the event of a traffic collision. The implementation of massive sensor networks using non-traditional variables (drastically changing weather, driver mood, etc.) Optimizing neural networks for traffic description and combining them with fuzzy logic. The usage of driverless robotic vehicles.

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