

Problem Statement

A NYC Bike Sharing System

We provide a comprehensive survey of bicycle-sharing service planning problem studies. We offer a systematic classification of the problems. We introduce a novel planning process for bicycle-sharing services. We identify potential research gaps. We provide future research directions.

| Decision-making level | Planning activity | Major independent inputs | Outputs/Decisions |
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| Strategic | Bikeway network design | Network topology (including vehicular roads and sometimes existing bikeways and bike stations) Bike origin–destination (OD) demand data Bikeway characteristics Budget | New bikeway layout (and sometimes bikeway type) |
| | Bicycle station design | Network topology OD demand data/station demand Station characteristics | Station locations Station sizes |
| | Fleet sizing design | OD demand data/station demand Station locations/characteristics Budget | Initial station inventory levels Total bicycle fleet size |

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| Tactical | Static bicycle relocation | <p>Bicycle station network</p> <p>Relocation fleet (The capacity and number of vehicles in the relocation fleet)</p> <p>The initial state of each bicycle station</p> | <p>Vehicle routes</p> <p>Pickup and drop-off quantities of all stations</p> |
| | Static demand management | <p>Bicycle station network</p> <p>Nominal OD demand data/arrival and departure rates</p> | <p>Demand regulation strategies (e.g., incentive details such as locations, prices; and parking space reservation)</p> |
| Operational | Inventory level management | <p>Bicycle station network</p> <p>Users' departure and arrival rates/time-dependent OD demand realizations</p> <p>The probability that a bicycle is returned to a station in an unusable condition (when broken bikes are considered)</p> | <p>Target inventory levels/the target range of inventory levels, and/or the number of broken bikes at all stations</p> |

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| Dynamic bicycle relocation | Repositioning fleet information (Repositioning vehicles available, vehicle capacities, and operating costs) Bicycle station network Initial bicycle level and capacity at each station Target bicycle and bicycle rack levels at each station in each period Time-dependent bicycle rent and return data Time-dependent travel speed | The repositioning routes of all vehicles Loading and unloading activities at every visited station (for bike repositioning) Bicycle flow per each pickup and drop-off station pair in each time interval (for relocation service) |
| Dynamic demand management | Bicycle station network Time-dependent OD demand data/arrival and departure rates | Demand management strategy in <i>each time interval</i> within a day (e.g., incentive details such as time, locations, prices, and parking space reservations) |