

Identifying real-life traffic problems and solving them using linear equations and Matrix multiplication

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Abstract

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1. Introduction

The flow of traffic is a necessary component of our daily lives. There is obviously not quite enough capacity on the road to handle all the cars at the same moment, resulting in road congestion. The major objective of our project is on how the orientation of traffic signals and other traffic control devices with the amount of traffic in a gateway can immensely support to aid traffic congestion or, in some cases, greatly reduces the flow of traffic. The following analysis of traffic flow over a road network during peak hours shows how a linear equation system and its answer works.

2. Background

The traffic flow of a network of streets can be analyzed using a system of linear equations. A graph is constructed from the

data of vehicles passing through the intersection of streets. A system of equations is obtained from the graph, which is solved using matrix multiplication. In order to ease the process, 2 assumptions are made which are as follows:-

- I. The streets must be one-way streets.
- II. The number of vehicles traveling in opposite directions must be equal.

These assumptions will be useful to monitor the number of vehicles that should be allowed to pass through the streets so that the traffic of vehicles does not exceed a certain limit.

3. Motivation

Traffic jams have many severe effects on human health, the economy, and the environment. Due to traffic jams, the time to reach office, school or other places is increased, due to which there is a delay in working hours or study hours. If someone needs to reach immediately, in case of an emergency, the traffic jam can be very serious. As vehicles have to line up for a long time, fuel is wasted, and more CO₂ emissions increase air pollution. In such traffic jams, vehicles often need to be accelerated and braked, which in the long run damages the vehicle's engine. Due to air pollution, people are badly affected by

harmful gases, and driving in traffic causes mental stress and frustration to the person.

The present study aims to reduce the problem of traffic jams on four-way streets by calculating the number of vehicles required to pass through a one-way street.

4. Literature Survey

Men used to travel through rough paths and streets till the 18th century. As a result of urbanization, a web of roads spreads throughout the world, and vehicle companies produce more and more vehicles. Roads are the most basic medium of transportation in current time. This web becomes more and more complex. This leads to one of the most time-consuming problems - traffic.

We are going to solve this problem using the concepts of linear algebra. This concept has a good grab over multiplication applications. So, it is extended to other mathematical models too. That is the reason we decided on this topic as our problem statement.

In order to implement this project, we need a language to implement the logic of the mathematical model. So, we decided on python as a programming language because it has a rich set of libraries.

We always wonder how traffic reports are generated, how Google maps predict the

traffic density of a particular road. After studying concepts of linear algebra, we concluded that we can also such mathematical models which are used by Google Maps.

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