

# Literature Review Notes

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## Keats paper 1

- In order to simulate congestion of road traffic system, it is indispensable to describe vehicles having their own decision-making capabilities, and to have detailed and exact road condition data on the road system
- The road-network itself has two kinds of attributes; the physical attributes and the logical attributes. The former are ones of the roads themselves such as their varying widths, shapes, slopes, running lines of traffic lanes and their channels. The latter are ones which depends traffic regulations such as signals and traffic signs. The former is called road information and the latter is road traffic regulation information in the road-network
- It is a microscopic model
- A cell automaton assigns one individual to one cell basically and moves a cell in consideration of being affected by the individual which each individual is next to
- Many road traffic simulation systems have been developed. But the road databases used in almost all of them were developed only for specific areas and purposes, and so cannot be reused in simulations for other areas. **we are trying to build a system which has as much generality as possible.** [1]

## 1 Book: Principles of Modelling and Simulation : A multi-disciplinary approach

- In modelling and simulating, one builds a model to represent the real-world, then a simulator to make several observation of the model. Finally one analyses the information collected from the simulation in order to make inference and suggestions.
- simulation is used when it is impractical, not feasible or dangerous to use the real world.

- There are two types of system: Discrete where the variables change at set intervals of time or Continuous where the variables change continuously with time.
- Macroscopic traffic simulations are large traffic simulation capable of showing the effect of small changes on vast and complex networks. Whereas a microscopic traffic simulation is used to model individual movement of cars in smaller sections of a network such as one specific intersection. These models will study parameters such as velocity and acceleration making them more suitable for study the effect of a change such as a new ramp. [2]

## 2 Hybrid microscopic-mesoscopic traffic simulation

- Macroscopic and mesoscopic models on the other hand, capture traffic dynamics in lesser detail, but are faster and easier to apply and calibrate than microscopic models. Therefore they are most suitable for modelling large networks, while microscopic models are usually applied to smaller areas.
- Earlier attempts at hybrid modelling have concentrated on integrating macroscopic and microscopic models and have proved difficult due to the large difference between the continuous-flow representation of traffic in macroscopic models and the detailed vehicle-and driver-behaviour represented in microscopic models.
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