Example: Traffic Network

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Problem Definition

Given:

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N
        Set of nodes representing intersections
        Entrance to network
e
        Exit from network
A \subseteq N \cup \{e\} \times N \cup \{f\}
        Set of arcs representing road links
        Base travel time for each road link (i, j) \in A
b_{ii}
        Traffic sensitivity for each road link (i, j) \in A
        Capacity for each road link (i, j) \in A
C_{ij}
        Desired throughput from e to f
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Formulation

Determine

 x_{ii} Traffic flow through road link $(i,j) \in A$

 t_{ii} Actual travel time on road link $(i,j) \in A$

to minimize

$$\Sigma_{(i,j)\in A} t_{ij} x_{ij} / T$$

Average travel time from *e* to *f*

Subject to

$$t_{ij} = b_{ij} + \frac{s_{ij}x_{ij}}{1 - x_{ij}/c_{ij}} \quad \text{for all } (i,j) \in A$$

Travel times increase as flow approaches capacity

$$\Sigma_{(i,j)\in A} x_{ij} = \Sigma_{(j,i)\in A} x_{ji}$$
 for all $i \in N$

Flow out equals flow in at any intersection

$$\Sigma_{(e,j)\in A} x_{ej} = T$$

Flow into the entrance equals the specified throughput