CZ4079 Final Year Project

A Machine Learning-Based Approach to Time-Dependent Shortest Path Queries

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- A modified Dijkstra's algorithm calculates a shortest path on the fly

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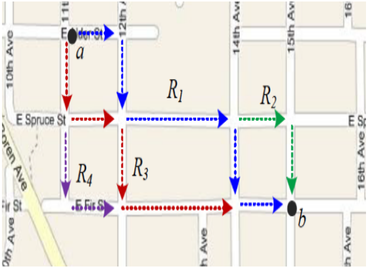

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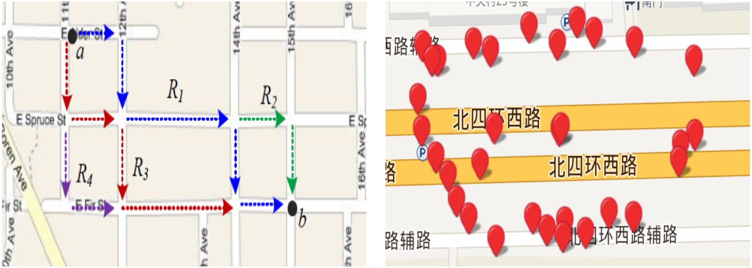

Figure 1: Examples of challenges

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Preliminary Processing: Data Description

- Is collected from Computational Sensing Lab at Tsinghua University
- Contains 83 million GPS records from 8,602 taxis in Beijing during May of 2009

Field	**Explanation**
CUID	ID for each taxi
UNIX_EPOCH	Unix timestamp
GPS_LONG	Longitude in WGS-84
GPS_LAT	Latitude in WGS-84
HEAD	Heading direction
SPEED	Instantaneous speed (m/s)
OCCUPIED	Hired (1) or not (0)

Table 1: A summary of the seven original fields

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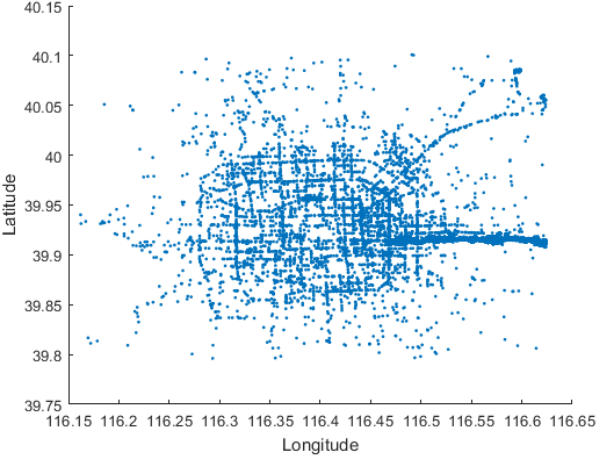

Figure 3: An example of outliers

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Two-step procedure:
Outlier Detection = Outlier Identification + Outlier Removal

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