National Airspace Trajectory-Prediction System(NATS) Gate to Gate Flight Plan Generator

Description

This Python module generates Gate to Gate flight plans for entries in a given FAA flight plan TRX file. For each of the flight plans scanned by NATS, an augmented replacement is created and saved. FAA flight plans (SWIM) can be categorized into one of the following categories:

1. Flights on the Ground:

For these flights, the augmented flight plan generation requires the user to specify the following details:

- Departure Airport Gate (Format: TERMINAL/CONCOURSE_GATE)
- Departure Airport Runway (Format: RW____)
- Arrival Airport Gate (Format: TERMINAL/CONCOURSE_GATE)
- Arrival Airport Runway (Format: RW____)
- SID procedure at departure airport.
- Enroute waypoints.
- STAR procedure at arrival airport.
- Approach Procedure for landing.

The augmented flight plan consists of the following sections fused together:

- Departure Ground Taxi: This includes the flight first being at the gate, pushback to the ramp, taxi to the runway, and getting to the runway threshold.
- Departure Runway
- Departure Procedures: Once the flight has reached the runway threshold, it executes a takeoff roll down the runway and begins climb. Continuing at the runway heading, the flight reaches a point to turn to the first calculated SID (Standard Instrument Departure) procedure waypoint. The last point on the SID marks the transition from initial climb to flight level 180 through the transition airspace.
- Flight En Route: This consists of waypoints between climb and descent procedures. The waypoints that the flight needs to go through in cruise is defined by the en route flight plan.
- Arrival Procedures: The calculated STAR (Standard Terminal Arrival Route) procedure
 waypoints are added to the flight plan. It directs the flight from the en route section towards
 final approach.
- Arrival Runway
- Arrival Ground Taxi: Finally, the taxi route from runway exit to the ramp for the assigned gate is appended to the flight plan.

2. Flights in Cruise:

For these flights, the augmented flight plan consists of the next waypoint from the current aircraft position together with the arrival procedures to the gate at the destination airport.

For these flights, the augmented flight plan generation requires the user to specify the following details:

- Arrival Airport Gate (Format: TERMINAL/CONCOURSE_GATE)
- Arrival Airport Runway (Format: RW____)
- Enroute waypoints.
- STAR procedure at arrival airport.
- Approach Procedure for landing.

The augmented flight plan consists of the following sections fused together:

- En Route Flight Plan: This consists of the route from upcoming waypoint till the beginning of the arrival procedures. The waypoints that the flight needs to go through along the flight trajectory are defined by the flight en route plan.
- Arrival Procedures: Calculated STAR (Standard Terminal Arrival Route) procedure waypoints are added to the flight plan. It directs the flight from the en route portion of the flight plan to the final approach phase.
- Arrival Runway
- Arrival Ground Taxi: Once the aircraft has reached the runway exit, the taxi route will take the aircraft to the ramp area for the assigned gate.

In both cases, the new flight plan entry is created, and the new flight plan is given out as output. This updated flight plan FP_ROUTE can be used as per requirement in TRX records for simulation.

Running sample programs

Steps for usage in Python:

- 1. Run NATS Server by executing './run' under the NATS_Server directory.
- 2. Change directory (Command cd) to NATS_Client.
- 3. Specify the TRX and MFL files as the input of aircraftInterface.load_aircraft(filename_trx, filename_mfl) function.
- 4. Run 'python GateToGateFp.py', and enter the inputs asked for runways, gates, and other information.
- 6. Program will run and display the augmented FP_ROUTE data.

Example Program Run

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~/NATS_Client\$ python sample/GateToGateFp_beta1.x.py

National Airspace Trajectory-Prediction System(NATS) Client

Version: beta 1.x

Optimal Synthesis Inc.

Connected to NATS Server (localhost:2017)

Augmented flight plan generation for aircraft: SWA732

Has the aircraft already taken off? (Please answer yes/no): no

Please choose a departure gate at KLAS among

[Gate_01_A08,Gate_01_A09,Gate_01_A10,Gate_01_A11,Gate_01_A12,Gate_01_A13,Gate_01_A14, Gate_01_A15,Gate_01_A16,Gate_01_A17,Gate_01_A18,Gate_01_A19,Gate_01_A20,Gate_01_A21, Gate 01 A22, Gate 01 B01, Gate 01 B02, Gate 01 B05, Gate 01 B09, Gate 01 B10, Gate 01 B11, G ate_01_B12,Gate_01_B13,Gate_01_B14,Gate_01_B15,Gate_01_B17,Gate_01_B18,Gate_01_B19,Gat e_01_B20,Gate_01_B21,Gate_01_B22,Gate_01_B23,Gate_01_B24,Gate_01_B25,Gate_01_C01,Gate _01_C02,Gate_01_C04,Gate_01_C05,Gate_01_C07,Gate_01_C08,Gate_01_C09,Gate_01_C11,Gate_ 01_C13,Gate_01_C14,Gate_01_C16,Gate_01_C18,Gate_01_C19,Gate_01_C21,Gate_01_C22,Gate_0 1_C23,Gate_01_C24,Gate_01_C25,Gate_01_C27,Gate_01_D01,Gate_01_D02,Gate_01_D03,Gate_01 D04,Gate 01 D05,Gate 01 D06,Gate 01 D07,Gate 01 D08,Gate 01 D09,Gate 01 D10,Gate 01 D11, Gate_01_D12, Gate_01_D13, Gate_01_D16, Gate_01_D17, Gate_01_D18, Gate_01_D19, Gate_01_ D20,Gate_01_D21,Gate_01_D22,Gate_01_D23,Gate_01_D24,Gate_01_D25,Gate_01_D32,Gate_01_ D33,Gate_01_D34,Gate_01_D35,Gate_01_D36,Gate_01_D37,Gate_01_D38,Gate_01_D39,Gate_01_ D40,Gate 01 D41,Gate 01 D42,Gate 01 D43,Gate 02 001,Gate 02 002,Gate 02 003,Gate 02 00 4,Gate_02_005,Gate_02_006,Gate_02_007,Gate_02_008,Gate_03_001,Gate_03_002,Gate_03_003,Ga te_03_004,Gate_terminalA_023,Parking_01_080,Parking_01_081,Parking_01_082,Parking_01_083,P arking_01_084,Parking_01_085,Parking_01_086,Parking_01_099,Parking_01_100,Parking_01_101,P arking_01_102, Parking_01_103, Parking_01_D01, Parking_01_D02, Parking_01_D03, Parking_01_D04, Parking 01 D05, Parking 01 D06, Parking 01 D07, Parking 01 D08, Parking 01 D09, Parking 01 D 10, Parking_01_D11, Parking_01_D12, Parking_01_D13, Parking_01_D14, Parking_01_D15, Parking_01 _D16,Parking_01_D17,Parking_01_D18,Parking_01_D19,Parking_01_D20,Parking_01_D21,Parking_ 01_D22,Parking_01_D23,Parking_01_D24,Parking_01_D25,Parking_01_D26,Parking_01_D27,Parking_01_D28,Parking_01_D29,Parking_01_D30,Parking_01_D31,Parking_01_D32,Parking_01_D33,Parking_01_D34,Parking_01_D35,Parking_01_D36,Parking_02_001,Parking_H1_001,Parking_H2_001,Parking_H2_002,Parking_H2_002,Parking_H2_003,Parking_H2_004,Parking_H2_006,Parking_H2_007,Parking_H2_008,Parking_H2_001

Please choose a departure runway at KLAS among [RW19L,RW26L,RW08L,RW01R,RW01L,RW08R,RW26R,RW19R]: RW19L

Please choose an arrival gate at KLAX among

[Gate_01_009,Gate_01_010,Gate_01_013,Gate_01_015,Gate_01_11A,Gate_01_11B,Gate_01_12A,Gate_01_010,Gate_ te 01 16A,Gate 01 17A,Gate 01 17B,Gate 02 021,Gate 02 022,Gate 02 023,Gate 02 024,Gate 02_025,Gate_02_026,Gate_02_027,Gate_02_21B,Gate_02_23A,Gate_02_24A,Gate_03_030,Gate_03 _032,Gate_03_034,Gate_03_035,Gate_03_036,Gate_03_038,Gate_03_039,Gate_03_31A,Gate_03_31 B,Gate 03 33A,Gate 03 33B,Gate 03 37A,Gate 03 37B,Gate 04 041,Gate 04 042,Gate 04 043, Gate 04 044, Gate 04 045, Gate 04 046, Gate 04 46B, Gate 04 47A, Gate 04 47B, Gate 04 48A, Ga te_04_48B,Gate_04_49A,Gate_04_49B,Gate_05_052,Gate_05_056,Gate_05_057,Gate_05_059,Gate_ 05_50A,Gate_05_50B,Gate_05_51A,Gate_05_51B,Gate_05_53A,Gate_05_53B,Gate_05_54A,Gate_0 5_54B,Gate_05_55A,Gate_06_060,Gate_06_061,Gate_06_062,Gate_06_063,Gate_06_064,Gate_06_0 66,Gate 06 067,Gate 06 65A,Gate 06 65B,Gate 06 68A,Gate 06 68B,Gate 06 69A,Gate 06 69 B,Gate_07_072,Gate_07_073,Gate_07_074,Gate_07_076,Gate_07_70A,Gate_07_70B,Gate_07_71A, te_08_085,Gate_08_086,Gate_08_087,Gate_08_088,Gate_11_001,Gate_11_002,Gate_11_003,Gate_11 _004,Gate_11_005,Gate_11_006,Gate_11_007,Gate_11_008,Gate_11_009,Gate_11_010,Gate_11_011, Gate_11_012,Gate_11_013,Gate_11_014,Gate_11_015,Gate_11_016,Gate_11_017,Gate_11_018,Gate_ _11_019,Gate_I_123,Gate_I_131,Gate_I_132,Gate_I_133,Gate_I_134,Gate_I_148,Gate_I_150,Gate_I _151,Gate_I_152,Gate_I_153,Gate_I_154,Gate_I_155,Gate_I_156,Gate_I_157,Parking_A1_001,Parki ng A2 001, Parking A3 001, Parking A3 002, Parking A3 003, Parking A4 001, Parking A5 001, Pa rking_A5_002, Parking_A6_001, Parking_AG_001, Parking_AG_002, Parking_AG_003, Parking_AG_0 04,Parking_AG_005,Parking_AG_006,Parking_AG_007,Parking_B1_001,Parking_C14_001,Parking_ C15_001, Parking_C17_001, Parking_C18_001, Parking_C1_001, Parking_C2_001, Parking_C3_001, Par king C4 001, Parking C5 001, Parking E11 001, Parking E12 001, Parking E13 001, Parking E14 0 01]: Gate_01_009

Please choose an arrival runway at KLAX among [RW24R,RW07L,RW06L,RW25R,RW06R,RW25L,RW24L,RW07R]: RW24R

Please choose a SID procedure for departure from KLAS among [BOACH8,COWBY8,HOOVR6,LAS5,MCCRN5,PRFUM4,SHEAD1,STAAV8,TRALR9]: BOACH8

Please enter enroute waypoints in flight plan separated by ',' (Eg. BOILE,LOSHN,BLH): WHIGG,OTOOL

Please choose a STAR procedure for arrival into KLAX among [ANJLL4,BASET5,BAYST1,BIGBR3,BOGET2,BRUEN2,DIRBY1,DOWNE4,GOATZ1,HLYWD1,H UULL2,IRNMN2,KIMMO3,LEENA7,MDNYT2,MOOR4,OCEAN3,OLAAA1,RYDRR2,SADDE8,S EAVU2,SHIVE1,SNSTT2,VISTA3,WAYVE1,ZUUMA2]: ANJLL4

Please choose an Approach procedure for arrival into KLAX among [H06LZ,H06RZ,H07LZ,H07RZ,H24LZ,H24RZ,H25LZ,H25RZ,I06L,I06R,I07L,I07R,I24L,I24R,I25L,I25R,L06L,L06R,L07L,L07R,L24L,L24R,L25L,L25R,R06LY,R06RY,R07LY,R07RY,R24LY,R24RY, R25LY,R25RY]: I24R

The augmented flight plan for flight SWA732 is as follows. FP_ROUTE value in the original TRX can be replaced by this flight plan.

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NATSClient closed connection from server. JVM has been shutdown

Finally, the program prints out the augmented info(above text in yellow background) of the FP_ROUTE which can be put in TRX file.