

THE APPLICATION OF SIMULATION ON TRANSIT SYSTEMS FOR LONG DISTANCE MASS TRANSPORT -- THE DESIGN OF TRANSIT LOCATIONS, RO

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ABSTRACT

IN THIS RESEARCH WE USE MONTE CARLO ESTIMATION TO DESIGN ROUTE MERGING FOR THE INTERCITY-BUS TRANSFER NETWORK. INTERCITY BUSES TAKE THE SUPER HIGHWAY ROUTES. IF THE PASSENGER LOAD IS LOW FOR MANY ROUTES, THEN THE OPERATING REVENUE MIGHT BE SO SMALL AS TO CAUSE LOSSES. BY COMBINING ROUTES WITH OVERLAPS, THE OPERATING COST CAN BE REDUCED. MEANWHILE THE BUS FREQUENCY OF MERGED ROUTES CAN BE INCREASED FOR ELEVATE THE SERVICE TO PASSENGERS. THE STOCHASTIC MODEL WE ASSUMED FOR THE SYSTEM OF INTERCITY BUSES IS AS FOLLOWS: PASSENGERS ARRIVE ACCORDING TO NONHOMOGENEOUS POISSON PROCESSES AND BUS TRAVELING TIMES ARE DISTRIBUTED AS WEIBULL DISTRIBUTIONS. THE PERFORMANCE MEASURE IS THE EXPECTED PROFIT---THE EXPECTED VALUE OF THE TICKET REVENUE MINUS THE SUM OF BUS OPERATION COST, CUSTOMER'S WAITING COST, AND CUSTOMER'S INCONVENIENT COST DUE TO TRANSFER. WE PROPOSE HERE A HEURISTIC METHOD FOR COMBINING ROUTES. THE HEURISTIC METHOD WORKS AS FOLLOWS: THE ROUTES WITH PASSENGER-LOAD RATES HIGHER THAN A DESIGNED VALUE WOULD NOT MERGE WITH ANY OTHER ROUTES. THE OTHER ROUTES WILL MERGE WITH EACH OTHER BY SELECTING THOSE WITH HIGHEST OVERLAP; ANY MERGED ROUTE IS LIMITED TO TWO TRANSFER STOPS. IF THE MERGING CHOICE WITH THE HIGHEST OVERLAP INCREASES THE NUMBER OF STOPS BY TWO, THIS CHOICE WILL BE COMPARED WITH THE CHOICE WHOSE OVERLAP LENGTH IS HIGHEST AMONG ALL ROUTES THAT ONLY INCREASES ONE TRANSFER STOP. THE ONE WITH A HIGHER ESTIMATED PROFIT WINS. AT THE END, THE ROUTES THAT ARE LEFT BUT CAN NOT BE COMBINED STAYS THE SAME. AFTER THE TRANSFER NETWORK IS COMPLETED, THE HEADWAYS ARE COMPUTED. IF THE COMPUTED HEADWAY OF A NEW COMBINED ROUTE IS LARGER THAN THE MINIMUM OF THE ORIGINAL HEADWAYS, IT IS SET TO THE MINIMUM FOR PRESERVING PASSENGER'S RIGHT. FINALLY WE RUN THE SIMULATION EXPERIMENT OF A SIMPLE EXAMPLE TO SHOW THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR HEURISTIC METHOD.

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