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Digital Traces & Mobility Computing Studies of Floating Car Data mining

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Context and objectives

Study 1: Vehicle usage typology identification

Study 2: Individual significant place recognition

Study 3: Travel time estimation

Study 4: Territory functional zone discovery





A Ph.D. thesis (2019-2021 @LVMT, ENPC, supervised by Fabien LEURENT and Xiaoyan XIE)

"FCD Mining to Feature out Mobility Patterns: Individual-Centered and Place-Based Analyses"

Context

- Understanding human movements -> critical in resolving mobility issues
- Massive digital-trajectory data -> Potentials for mobility insights
 - Fundamental knowledge of mobility entities all day long (vehicle & pedestrian)
 - A variety of sources: GSM(Mobile phone data), GPS (Floating Car Data), AFC (Smart cards, Navigo etc.)

2 key issues

- Mobility pattern analysis
- Trajectory data mining





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Traditional data:

- Source: surveys (EGT), loop detectors, camera etc.
- · Shortcomes: inherently limited for deploying

Trajectory data

New Digital Alternative Floating Car Data

= GPS vehicle traces

Timestamped localizations and vehicle speeds (per 30s) (data source: Coyote)

A cost-effective data solution

- Wide coverage (temporally 7*24 and spatially large-scale)
- Rich information along the path (intermediate points)





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Overall objective

Study mobility patterns by FCD mining

- What is "mobility patterns":
 - Recurring forms of human movements
- What to analyze:
 - urban dynamics : 1) travel demand of people + 2) spatial configuration

Specific issues and aims:



Case studies and key results



Study 1: Vehicle usage typology identification

Publication: Danyang Sun, Fabien Leurent, Xiaoyan Xie (2020). *Floating Car Data mining: Identifying vehicle types on the basis of daily usage patterns*, Transportation Research Procedia. DOI:10.1016/j.trpro.2020.03.087

Objective: • Identify vehicle usage type by mobility making

• User segmentation and differentiation



Study 2: Individual place recognition and significant places

Conference communication: Danyang Sun, Fabien Leurent, Xiaoyan Xie. *Mining Vehicle Trajectories to Discover Individual Significant Places: Case Study Using Floating Car Data in the Paris Region*, Accepted for Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, 2021, Washington DC

Objective: Mine individual mobility context and "anchor" places (homeplaces, workplaces, etc)

Approach: trajectory data mining

- 1) Extract significant-place locations
- Trajectory processing: stay points detection (stops for activities)



a trajectory

- Place recognition: adjacent stay points -> functional place



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2) Identify Significant-place type by visits' frequentation and duration



Outcomes: Hierarchy of places

Homeplace & Workplace, Secondary places, Other places





Study 3: Travel time estimation

Conference communication: Fabien Leurent, Danyang Sun, Xiaoyan Xie. *Roadway Travel Times: Maximum Likelihood Estimation Based on Floating Car Data Intervals*. Accepted for 9th Symposium of the European Association for Research in Transportation, hEART 2020

- **Objective**: Exploit massive observations from FCD to estimate local travel times
 - Compare with conventional method (point-wise average: currently widely used in the industry)

Methodology: Stochastic model

pros:

- Probabilistic specifications
- A measure of reliability (estimation with confidence intervals rather than unique values)

Achievements:

- obtained more precise estimations with fewer data by stochastic model
- resolved the underestimation of travel time problem in conventional methods

Outcomes







Study 4: Territory functional zones discovery

Publication: Danyang Sun, Fabien Leurent, Xiaoyan Xie. *Uncovering mobility typologies of territorial zones based on Floating Car Data mining*, Transportation Research Procedia. (in press)

Objective: Discover territory functional divisions by vehicle movements

Approach: machine learning techniques

- Retrieved zonal usage attributes
 - traffic flow
 - accessibility
 - building functions
- Discover functional zone by cooperative clustering



Outcomes: 5 major types of zones in IDF (by vehicle mobility)

- CO: Residence oriented areas
- C1: Amenity-residence mixed areas (local-accessible-based)
- C2: Amenity-residence mixed areas (intermediate-range-accessible-based)
- C3: Business/employment oriented areas
- C4: Day-time mobility-oriented areas









Potential contributions

Data driven framework for automated mobility analysis

Up-to-date and large-scale

Prevision of mobility demand

- Human mobility regularity and predictability
- Aid in proposing alternatives (mode shifting etc.)

Mobility system diagnostic

- Traffic state: congestion, road network LOS evaluation
- Planning guidance: city structure and geographical correlations etc.

