Urban Traffic Jam Time Prediction Mode

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Abstract: Urban transportation is the core of urban social activities and economic activities. However, due to the increase of population and motor vehicles, traffic congestion is caused by many factors. This paper established a traffic congestion duration model based on survival analysis. The purpose is to use the model to obtain the relationship between congestion index and congestion time, and improve the accuracy of prediction. Using the nonparametric method to calculate, after defining the Shanghai Expressway survival function and risk function, combined with the compiled data, calculate whether it is the impact of the working day on traffic congestion, and the difference between the early, middle and late peaks for traffic congestion. The result can be obtained: Traffic congestion on workdays is higher than on weekends, and traffic congestion is longer than weekends.

1 INTRODUCTION

With the development of technology, people's transportation is more convenient and intelligent. Existing navigation software typically acquires real-time GPS data through a taxi or vehicle in which the software is installed to determine current road conditions. Many navigation softwares have introduced smart travel features to help people plan the best route for travel and predict travel time. The predictive congestion principle of navigation is to use the speed prediction algorithm to calculate the vehicle speed, and to update the timing according to the driving information of the car, and then re-calibrate and calculate. (Zhu Fuling, 2006)

However, with the increasing number of cars, traffic congestion in cities is becoming more and more serious, and traffic jams in urban traffic often occur. (You Zhaquan, 2018) Therefore, it is practical to improve the prediction accuracy of navigation through mathematical methods. It can provide a guiding plan for the development of traffic congestion control and guidance strategies. (Xiong Li, Lu Yue, Yang Shufen, 2017)

2 DATA COLLECTION

We consult the relevant literature to collect the GPS information of 10,000 taxies in Shanghai city on April 20,2017 (Shanghai Traffic Travel Network, 2019). Since the data is too large, we sort out some of the data in the table below. Please check the detailed data in supporting documentation in appendix. The following gives data analysis for taxies in Shanghai. As can be seen from the table 1, the data we collected included the latitude and longitude and instantaneous travel speed of each taxi.

3 MODEL BASED ON SURVIVAL ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION DURATION

Survival analysis is a statistical method that analyzes and infers the survival time of living things, people, and other things like survival rules based on experimental or survey data. It is also called risk rate model or continuous model. The survival analysis methods mainly include three methods: parametric method, semiparametric method and nonparametric method. When the distribution type is unknown, the nonparametric method has higher computational efficiency.
3.1 Establishment of Model

3.1.1 Traffic Congestion Probability Distribution

According to the probability statistics, the probability distribution of the capital vehicle is represented by a distribution function, and the function is as follows.

\[ F(t) = P(T \leq t) = \int_0^t f(x) dx \]

\[ f(x) = \frac{dF(t)}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{P(t, t + \Delta t)}{\Delta t} \]

Where \( F(t) \) represents distribution function, \( P \) represents probability, \( T \) indicates the duration of traffic congestion, \( f(x) \) indicates the probability density of the moment.

3.1.2 Calculation of Congestion Duration Survival Function

The congestion duration survival function is expressed as a survival rate, which indicates the probability that the congestion duration is greater than, and its expression is as follows. When the survival probability is low, the survival curve is steep. When the survival probability is high, the survival curve is flat.

\[ s(t) = P(T > t) = \int_t^\infty f(x) dx = 1 - F(t) \]

3.1.3 Traffic Congestion Risk Function

The risk function refers to the probability that traffic congestion does not disappear after the moment occurs, but disappears in a very small time period \( \Delta t \), also called the conditional survival probability. The risk function can also be expressed by the distribution function \( F(t) \) and the probability density function \( f(t) \). The formula is as follows:

\[ h(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{P(t \leq T + \Delta t | T \geq t)}{\Delta t} = \frac{f(t)}{s(t)} = -\frac{d}{dt} \frac{s(t)}{1-F(t)} \]

The cumulative risk function curve is obtained by integrating the risk function. The higher the position, the higher the probability of ending the traffic congestion event in \( \Delta t \).

3.1.4 Nonparametric Kaplan – Meier Method

Suppose there are \( n \) traffic congestion duration samples, the duration period has \( k \) different values, and they are directly arranged from small to large \( t_1 < t_2 < \cdots < t_k \). The survival function of the traffic congestion duration is the estimation function of \( s(t) \) as shown in equation:

\[ s(t) = \prod_{i,j} \frac{n_j - d_j}{n_j} \]

Where \( n_j \) is the number of samples that existed before the moment \( t_j \), that is, the sample size that traffic congestion continues to be; \( d_j \) is the number of samples for which congestion has ended during this unit time period \( t_j \); \( \frac{n_j - d_j}{n_j} \) is the probability of survival for the moment \( t_j \).

In this practice, the survival function has a simple estimation method because there is no censored data. Since the congestion duration in this paper is a complete sample, that is, the exact congestion duration is known during the observation time, there is no censored data. Therefore, the survival function can be estimated by the proportion of the number of samples whose congestion duration is longer than \( t \):

\[ \hat{S}(t) = \frac{\Omega}{\Omega} \]

Here \( \hat{S}(t) \) is an estimate of \( S(t) \), indicating the probability that the congestion duration is longer than \( t \) if a congestion event has occurred. The risk probability formula is expressed as follows:

\[ \hat{h}(t) = \frac{A}{B\Delta t} = \frac{C}{B} \]

Then get the average risk rate: the number of samples ending in the unit time interval of a unit divided by the number of samples in the interval.
where the conceptual congestion does not end, the formula is as follows:

$$\hat{h}(t) = \frac{A}{B - \frac{1}{2}CD}$$

Where A is Number of samples ending in congestion at the beginning of time T; B is Number of samples with no congestion after time T; C is Number of samples congested per unit time after time T; D is Number of samples ending in the interval. $\Delta t$ is Interval width.

### 3.2 Result of the Model

Calculate the survival function of Shanghai working days and weekends based on the existing data as shown in Fig1. (Si Sukui, 2011)

![Fig 1: Traffic congestion index.](image)

By calculating the survival function of weekdays and weekends $p = 0.0039$, it is shown that both are significant. Known from Fig 1. The working day survival function is above the weekend survival function, indicating that the traffic congestion frequency on the working day is higher than the weekend, and the traffic congestion duration is longer than the weekend. On weekends, the traffic congestion duration is 85.4% within 250min. The traffic congestion is likely to end at the end of the traffic congestion period. The traffic congestion is less likely to be exceeded. The working day traffic congestion duration is less than 300min. %, the traffic congestion is more likely to end the congestion period, and the possibility of traffic congestion is less than the duration. To further compare the difference in traffic congestion duration between weekends and weekdays, we compare the risk function based on the traffic congestion duration model of survival analysis, as shown in Fig 2.

![Fig 2: Survival coefficient.](image)

It can be seen from the Fig 2 that when the traffic congestion duration is between 0 and 165 min or greater than 275 min, the risk function of the working day is less than the weekend risk function, indicating that when the traffic congestion duration is within the interval, the same congestion duration, It is easier to end the congestion on weekends. When the congestion duration is less than 165min or greater than 275min, the risk function of the weekend is less than the working day. Under this condition, the working day is more likely to end the congestion under the same traffic congestion duration. This is consistent with the working day due to commuting travel demand.

### 4 CONCLUSION

A traffic congestion duration model based on survival analysis is established. The purpose is to use the model to obtain the relationship between congestion index and congestion time, and improve the accuracy of prediction. Using the nonparametric method to calculate, after defining the Shanghai Expressway survival function and risk function, combined with the compiled data, calculate whether it is the impact of the working day on traffic congestion, and the difference between the early, middle and late peaks for traffic congestion. Get: Traffic congestion on workdays is higher than on weekends, and traffic congestion is longer than weekends. The traffic congestion in the afternoon peak and the evening peak is longer than the early peak. The traffic congestion in the afternoon peak actually lasts until the evening peak.
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