Evacuation Route Planning

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Large Scale Evacuation due Natural Events

Hurricane: Andrews, Rita

Traffic congestions on all highways
 E.g. 100-mile congestion (TX)
 Great confusions and chaos

"We packed up Morgan City residents to evacuate in the a.m. on the day that Andrew hit coastal Louisiana, but in early afternoon the majority came back home. **The traffic was so bad that they couldn't get through Lafayette**."

Mayor Tim Mott, Morgan City, Louisiana (http://i49south.com/hurricane.htm)

Florida, Lousiana (Andrew, 1992)



(National Weather Services)



(www.washingtonpost.com)

Houston (Rita, 2005)



(National Weather Services)



I-45 out of Houston (FEMA.gov)

Homeland Defense & Evacuation Scenarios

- Preparation of response to an attack
- Plan evacuation routes and schedules
- Help public officials to make important decisions
- Guide affected population to safety
- Reverse Evacuation: Mass vaccinations ?

PLANNING SCENARIOS Executive Summaries

Created for Use in National, Federal, State, and Local Homeland Security Preparedness Activities

The Homeland Security Council

David Howe, Senior Director for Response and Planning

July 2004





Base Map





Plume Dispersion



Demographics Information



Transportation Networks

(Images from www.fortune.com)

Preparedness for Industrial Accidents, e.g. Nuclear Power Plants



Who cares about evacuation planning?

- Goal minimize loss of life and/or harm to public
 - First Responders
 - Which routes minimize evacuation time ?
 - Respond to unanticipated events, e.g. Bridge failure, Accidents
 - Policy Makers, Emergency Planners
 - What transportation mode to use during evacuation ?
 - Example, Walking, Private vehicles, Public transportation, ...
 - Which locations take unacceptably long to evacuate?
 - Should one enrich transportation network to reduce evacuation time?
 - Should contra-flow strategy be used?
 - Texas Governor called for contra-flow on second day!
 - Should one used phased evacuation?
- Goal Reduce loss of productivity due to congestion
 - Football game, major conventions, ... move parking 1 mile away?
 - Long weekends Fishing opener, July 4^{th -} ?contra-flow (I-94 or Hwy 10)

Plans are nothing; planning is everything.-- <u>Dwight D. Eisenhower</u>

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Problem Statement

Given

- A transportation network, a directed graph G = (N, E) with
 - Capacity constraint for each edge and node
 - Travel time for each edge
- Number of evacuees and their initial locations
- Evacuation destinations

Output

- Evacuation plan consisting of a set of origin-destination routes
 - and a scheduling of evacuees on each route.

Objective

- Minimize evacuation egress time
 - time from start of evacuation to last evacuee reaching a destination

Constraints

- Route scheduling should observe capacity constraints of network
- Reasonable computation time despite limited computer memory
- Capacity constraints and travel times are non-negative integers
- Evacuees start from and end up at nodes

A Note on Objective Functions

• Why minimize evacuation time?

- Reduce exposure to evacuees
- Since harm due to many hazards increase with exposure time!

• Why minimize computation time ?

- During Evacuation
 - Unanticipated events
 - Bridge Failure due to Katrina, 100-mile traffic jams due to Rita
 - Plan new evacuation routes to respond to events
 - Contra-flow based plan for Rita
- During Planning
 - Explore a large number of scenarios Based on
 - Transportation Modes
 - Event location and time

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Example 1 Input: Nuclear Power Plant

Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) is a 10-mile radius around the plant divided into sub areas.



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Estimate EPZ evacuation time: Summer/Winter (good weather): 3 hours, 30 minutes Winter (adverse weather): 5 hours, 40 minutes

Data source: Minnesota DPS & DHS Web site: http://www.dps.state.mn.us http://www.dhs.state.mn.us

Ex. 1 Output: Evacuation Routes (Handcrafted)



Example 2: A Building floor plan

Two-story building:

- Two staircases
- Two exits on first floor



ROOM 101

First Floor

1 1-4

(Building floor map from EVACNET User Manual)

EXIT #2

Example 2: Node and Edge Definition

Nodes: Each room, hallway, staircase, etc.

Each available link between two nodes.





Example 2: Initial State

Each node has:

Maximum node capacity

(max. number of people the node can hold)

Initial node occupancy

(number of people at the node)

• Each edge has:

Maximum edge capacity

(max. number of people can travel through this edge simultaneously)

Edge Travel time

(how long it takes to travel through this edge)



Second Floor



Example 2 Input: Evacuation Network with Evacuees



Example Output : Evacuation Plan & Schedule

Example Evacuation Plan:

Group of Evacuee				
ID	Source	No. of Evacuees	Route with Schedule	Dest. Time
Α	N8	6	N8(T0)-N10(T3)-N13	4
В	N8	6	N8(T1)-N10(T4)-N13	5
C	N8	3	N8(T0)-N11(T3)-N14	5
D	N1	3	N1(T0)-N3(T1)-N4(T4)-N6(T8)-N10(T13)-N13	14
E	N1	3	N1(T0)-N3(T2)-N4(T5)-N6(T9)-N10(T14)-N13	15
F	N1	1	N1(T0)-N3(T1)-N5(T4)-N7(T8)-N11(T13)-N14	15
G	N2	2	N2(T0)-N3(T1)-N5(T4)-N7(T8)-N11(T13)-N14	15
H	N2	3	N2(T0)-N3(T3)-N4(T6)-N6(T10)-N10(T15)-N13	16
Ι	N1	3	N1(T1)-N3(T2)-N5(T5)-N7(T9)-N11(T14)-N14	16



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Why is this problem hard?

- Data Availability
 - Estimating evacuee population, available transport capacity
 - Pedestrian data: walkway maps, link capacities based on width
- Transportation
 - Link capacity depends on traffic density
 - Modeling traffic control signals, ramp meters, contra-flow, ...
- Evacuee Behavior
 - Unit of evacuation: Individual or Household
 - Heterogeneity: by physical ability, age, vehicle ownership, language, ...
- Policy Decisions
 - How to gain public's trust in plans? Will they comply?
 - When to evacuate? Which routes? Modes? Shelters? Phased evacuation?
 - Common good with awareness of winners and losers due to a decision
- Science
 - How does one evaluate an evacuation planning system ?

Why is this problem hard computationally?

Intuition:

- Spread people over space and time
- Multiple paths + pipelining over those

A. Flow Networks

OR = Population / (Bottleneck Capacity of Transport Network)
If (OR <=1)
 { shortest path algorithms, e.g. A* }
Else if (OR → infinity)
 { Min-cut max-flow problem }
Else { Computationally hard problem ! }</pre>

B. Spatio-temporal Networks

- Violate stationary assumption
 - behind shortest path algorithms, e.g. A*, Dijktra's
 - Optimal sub-structure and dynamic programming

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 - Operations Research Ideas
 - Time Expanded Graphs
 - Linear Programming
 - Limitations
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Summary of Related Works & Limitations

A. Capacity-ignorant Approach

- Simple shortest path computation, e.g. A*, Dijktra's, etc.
- e.g. EXIT89 (National Fire Protection Association)

Limitation: Poor solution quality as evacuee population grows

B. Operations Research: Time-Expanded Graph + Linear Programming

- Optimal solution, e.g. EVACNET (U. FL), Hoppe and Tardos (Cornell U).

Limitation: - High computational complexity => Does not scale to large problems

- Users need to guess an upper bound on evacuation time

Inaccurate guess => either no solution or increased computation cost!

Number of Nodes	50	500	5,000	50,000
EVACNET Running Time	0.1 min	2.5 min	108 min	> 5 days

C. Transportation Science: Dynamic Traffic Assignment

- Game Theory: Wardrop Equilibrium, e.g. DYNASMART (FHWA), DYNAMIT(MIT)

Limitation: Extremely high compute time

- Is Evacuation an equilibrium phenomena?

Time Expanded Graph

Step 1:

Convert evacuation network Ginto time-expanded network G_T with user provided time upper bound **T**.



⁽Source : H. Hamacher and S. Tjandra, "Mathematical Modeling of Evacuation Problems: A State of the Art". *Pedestrian and Evacuation Dynamics*, pp. 227-266, 2002.)



Linear Programming (2/3)

Step 2: Treat time-expanded network G_T as a flow network and define the evacuation problem as a minimum cost flow problem on G_T :

Step 3: Solve above problem using minimum cost flow solvers. e.g. NETFLO [Kennington and Helgason, 1980], RELAX-IV [Bertsekas and Tseng, 1994].

Selected Insights ... (3/3)

Based on *Triple Optimization Theorem* [Jarvis and Ratliff, 1982]:

Universal max. flow \Leftrightarrow Min. cost flow \Rightarrow Quickest flow

Example:

- Hoppe and Tardos (Cornell, 1994): ellipsoid method, theoretically polynomial time bounded: $O(N^6)$, N = n(T+1), poor scalability to metropolitan road network.
- EVACNET (U. of Florida, 1993): designed for building evacuation, use NETFLO.

Summary :

- Produce optimal solution: minimize evacuation egress time.
- Suitable for problem with moderate size network and require optimal solution

Limitations:

Require time-expanded network:

Duplicate network for each time unit \rightarrow large memory requirement Increased problem size: N = $n(T+1) \rightarrow$ high computational complexity

Require user to estimated evacuation time upper bound T :

Under-estimate \rightarrow failure of finding a solution

Over-estimate \rightarrow unnecessary storage and run-time

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Representation Challenge: Time-varying Networks

Static	Time-Variant
Which is the shortest travel time path from downtown Minneapolis to airport?	Which is the shortest travel time path from downtown Minneapolis to airport at different times of a work day?
What is the capacity of Twin- Cities freeway network to evacuate downtown Minneapolis ?	What is the capacity of Twin- Cities freeway network to evacuate downtown Minneapolis at different times in a work day?



"U.P.S. Embraces High-Tech Delivery Methods - (*by Claudia Deutsch*) The research at U.P.S. is paying off. Last year, it cut 28 million miles from truck routes — saving roughly three million gallons of fuel — in good part by *mapping routes that minimize left turns*" - New York Times (July 12, 2007)

Representations of (Spatio-)temporal Networks





TAG vs. TEG: Theoretical Storage Cost Comparison

- Intuitively storage_cost(TAG) < storage_cost (TEG),
 (a) TAG does not replicate nodes and edges
 (b) TAG can use time-series compression when

 any property is invariant for some time-intervals
- Formally, if k < (n+m+p) and T >> 1.
 - Storage cost (TEG) = O(nT + mT) + O(pT)
 - Storage cost (TAG) = O(n + m) + O(kT)
 - Where n = number of nodes
 - m = number of edges
 - T = length of time-series
 - p = number of properties
 - k = (eqv.) number of static properties <= p</p>

(*) All edge and node parameters might not display time-dependence.

(**) D. Sawitski, Implicit Maximization of Flows over Time, Technical Report (R:01276), University of Dortmund, 2004.

TAG vs. TEG: Storage Cost Comparison



Trend: TAG better than TEG on storage overhead!

Dataset	# Nodes	# Edges	
(MPLS -1/2)	111	287	
(MPLS -1 mi)	277	674	
(MPLS - 2 mi)	562	1443	
(MPLS - 3 mi)	786	2106	
		30	

TEG vs. TAG

D TEG has High Storage Overhead

- Redundancy of nodes across time-frames
- Additional edges across time frames in TEG.

- TEG => Computationally expensive Algorithms
 Increased Network size due to redundancy.
- □ TEG => Inadequate support for modeling non-flow parameters on edges in TEG.
- □ TEG => Lack of physical independence of data

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Capacity Constrained Route Planning (CCRP)

Time-series attributes

Available_Node_Capacity (Ni, t)

= #additional evacuees that can stay at node Ni at time t

Available_Edge_Capacity (Ni -Nj , t)

= #additional evacuess that may travel via edge *Ni* -*Nj* at time *t*

- Generalize shortest path algorithms to
 - Honor capacity constraints
 - Spread people over space and time
- Comparison with TEG+LP Approach
 - Faster and more scalable
 - Easier to use:
 - Does not require user provided time upper bound
 - Does not require post-processing to construct routes
 - Modular, i.e. can interface with transportation models
 - Determining link capacity as a function of occupancy

Psuedo-code for Capacity Constrained Route Planner (CCRP)

While (any source node has evacuees) do

Step 1: Find nearest pair (Source S, Destination D), based on current available capacity of nodes and edges.

Step 2: Compute available flow on shortest route R (S,D)

Step 3: Make reservation of capacity on route *R*

Available capacity of each edge on *R* reduced by *flow* Available capacity of each incoming nodes on *R* reduced by *flow*

Summary:

- Each iteration generate route and schedule for one group of evacuee.
- Destination capacity constrains can be accommodated is needed
- Solution evacuation plan observes capacity constraints of network
- Wait at intermediate nodes addressed later non-stationary extension

Example Input: Evacuation Network with Evacuees



CCRP Execution Trace










Step 1:

Finding route *R* among routes between all (source, destination) pairs.



Three choices:

- 1. $n \ge m$ single-source single-destination shortest path search: 1 per (S_i, d_j) pair.
- 2. *n* single-source all-destination shortest path search: 1 per source node.
- 3. One shortest path search:

- Add super source node and super destination node to network.

- One shortest path search from super source node to super destination node.

Choice: one shortest path search Rationale: lower computational cost

Design Decision 1: Algorithm for Step 1 (2/2)

Finding Route *R* among routes between all (source, destination) pairs:



Find Route *R* with one Shortest Path Search:

If route $< S_0, S_x, ..., d_y, d_0 >$ is the shortest route between S_0 and d_0 ,

then $\langle S_x, ..., d_y \rangle$ must be the shortest route *R* between any (source, destination) pair.

Shortest path algorithm for graph with non-negative edge length: Three Choices:

- Family of Dijkstra's algorithm: Original Dijkstra's algorithm: [Dijkstra, 1959]. Survey of implementations: [Cherkassky, Goldberg and Radzik, 1993].
- 2. A* search algorithm for shortest path: [Nilsson, 1980], [Goldberg, 2004].
- 3. Hierarchical routing algorithm: [Shekhar, 1997], [Rundensteiner, 1998],

Choice: Dijkstra's algorithm

Rationale:

- A* search: effectiveness of heuristic function deteriorate in later iterations of CCRP due to change of available capacity.
- Hierarchical routing: pre-computed shortest path between partitions no longer hold in later iterations of CCRP due to change of available capacity.

Capacity Constrained Route Planner (CCRP)

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Input:
  1) G(N, E): a graph G with a set of nodes N and a set of edges E;
      Each node n \in N has two properties:
         Maximum_Node_Capacity(n) : non-negative integer
         Initial_Node_Occupancy(n) : non-negative integer
      Each edge e \in E has two properties:
         Maximum\_Edge\_Capacity(e) : non-negative integer
         Travel\_time(e) : non-negative integer
  2) S: set of source nodes, S \subseteq N;
  3) D: set of destination nodes, D \subseteq N;
Output: Evacuation plan : Routes with schedules of evacuees on each route
Method:
Pre-process network: add super source node s_0 to network,
   link s_0 to each source nodes with an edge which
   Maximum\_Edge\_Capacity() = \infty and Travel\_time() = 0;
                                                                                               (0)
while any source node s \in S has evacuee do {
                                                                                               (1)
   find route R < n_0, n_1, \ldots, n_k with time schedule, such that R has the earliest
      destination arrival time among routes between all (s,d) pairs,
      where s \in S, d \in D, n_0 = s, n_k = d,
      using one generalized shortest path search from super source s_0 to all destinations;
                                                                                               (2)
   flow = \min( number of evacuee still at source node s,
                Available\_Edge\_Capacity(all edges on route R),
                Available_Node_Capacity(all nodes from n_1 to n_{k-1} on route R),
              );
                                                                                               (3)
   for i = 0 to k - 1 do {
                                                                                               (4)
      t = start time from node n_i on route R ;
                                                                                              (5)
      Available_Edge_Capacity(e_{n_i n_{i\perp 1}}, t) reduced by flow;
                                                                                              (6)
      Available\_Node\_Capacity(n_{i+1}, t + Travel\_time(e_{n_in_{i+1}})) reduced by flow;
                                                                                              (7)
                                                                                              (8)
                                                                                              (9)
Output evacuation plan;
                                                                                             (10)
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Cost Model of CCRP

Number of iterations: $O(p) \quad p$: number of evacuees Each iteration generates one group of evacuees, Upper bound of number of groups = number of evacuees

Cost for each iteration: (n: number nodes, m: number of edges)

Step 1 - Find route *R* with one Dijkstra search:

Dijkstra (naïve implementation): $O(n^2)$

Dijkstra (with heap structure): O(m+nlogn)

for sparse graphs (e.g. road network): *m* << *nlogn*

Cost of Step 1: *O*(*nlogn*)

Step 2 - Compute flow amount on route R: O(1)

Step 3 - Make reservations on route R: O(n)

Step 1 is dominant.

CCRP cost model: O(p nlogn)

Performance Evaluation: Experiment Design



Goal:

- 1. Compare CCRP with LP minimum cost flow solver (e.g. NETFLO):
 - Solution Quality Measure: Evacuation egress time
 - Performance Measure: Run-time
- 2. Test effect of independent parameters on solution quality and performance:
 - Number of evacuees, number of source nodes, size of network (number of nodes).

Experiment Platform: CPU: Pentium 4 2GHz, RAM: 2GB, OS: Linux.

Performance Evaluation : Experiment Results 1

Experiment 1: Effect of Number of Evacuees

Setup: fixed network size = 5000 nodes, fixed number of source nodes = 2000 nodes, number of evacuees from 5,000 to 50,000.



- CCRP produces high quality solution, solution quality drops slightly as number of evacuees grows.
- Run-time of CCRP is less than 1/3 that of NETFLO.
- CCRP is scalable to the number of evacuees.

Performance Evaluation : Experiment Results 2

Experiment 2: Effect of Number of Source Nodes

Setup: fixed network size = 5000 nodes, fixed number of evacuees = 5000, number of source nodes from 1,000 to 4,000.



- CCRP produces high quality solution, solution quality not affected by number of source nodes.
- Run-time of CCRP is less than half of NETFLO.
- CCRP is scalable to the number of source nodes.

Performance Evaluation : Experiment Results 3

Experiment 3: Effect of Network Size

Setup: fixed number of evacuees = 5000, fixed number of source nodes = 10 nodes, number of nodes from 50 to 50,000.







- CCRP produces high quality solution, solution quality increases as network size grows.
- Run-time of CCRP is scalable to network size.

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 - Case Studies Nuclear Power Plant, Homeland Security
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Summary: Routing in ST Networks



travel times \rightarrow arrival times at end node \rightarrow Min. arrival time series



□ Violation of optimal prefix property

 \square Not all optimal paths show optimal prefix property.

□ New and Alternate semantics

□ Termination of the algorithm: an infinite non-negative cycle over time

Routing Algorithms- Sub-structure Optimality?

Find the shortest path travel time from N1 to N5 for start time t = 1.



	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5
1	X	∞	∞	∞	∞
2	1	×	3	∞	∞
3	1	2	×	3	∞
4	1	2	3	×	x
5	1	2	3	3	8

Dijktra's: Reaches N5 at t=8. Total time = 7 Optimal path: Reach N4 at t=3;

> Wait for t=4; Reach N5 at t=6 Total time = 5

Routing Algorithms and Spatio-temporal Networks



Limitations:

Label correcting algorithm over long time periods and large networks is computationally expensive.

LP algorithms are costly.

Related Work – Label Correcting Approach(*)

- \square Selection of node to expand is random.
- □ Algorithm terminates when no node gets updated.

<u>Start time = 1; Start node : N1</u>

Iteration 1: N1_1 selected N1_2 = 2; N2_2 = 2; N3_3 = 3

Iteration 2: N2_2 selected

 $N2_3 = 3; N4_3 = 3$

Iteration 3: N3_3 selected N3_4 = 4; N4_5 = 5

Iteration ...: N4_3 selected N4_4 = 4; N5_8 = 8 Iteration ...: N4_4 selected

N4_5 = 5; N5_6 = 6



□ Implementation used the Two-Q version $[O(n^2T^3(n+m))]$

(*) Cherkassky 93,Zhan01, Ziliaskopoulos97 5

<u>Proposed Approach – Key Idea</u>

When start time is fixed, earliest arrival \Rightarrow least travel time (Shortest path) <u>Arrival Time Series Transformation (ATST) the network:</u>

travel times \rightarrow arrival times at end node \rightarrow Min. arrival time series



SP Algorithm in Non-FIFO Networks (NF-SP-TAG)

Greedy strategy on transformed TAG:

Cost of a node = Arrival time at the node

Expand the node with least cost.

Update costs of adjacent nodes.

Select Minimum {Cost of edge ij} t \geq arrival at i



_	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5
1	\times	∞	∞	∞	∞
2	1	X	3	x	∞
3	1	2	X	3	x
4	1	2	3	X	x
5	1	2	3	3	6

Trace of NF-SP-TAG Algorithm

<u>Routing Algorithms – New Semantics</u>



Finding the shortest path from N1 to N5..



Contributions (Broader Picture)

□ Time Aggregated Graph (TAG)

□ Routing Algorithms

	FIFO	Non-FIFO
Fixed Start Time	(1) Greedy (SP-TAG)(2) A* search (SP-TAG*)	(4) NF-SP-TAG
Best Start Time	(3) Iterative A* search (TI-SP-TAG*)	(5) Label Correcting (BEST)(6) Iterative NF-SP-TAG

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A Real Scenario : New Plan Routes



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Case Study 2 - Metropolitan Wide Evacuation Planning

Mandate - DHS Requirement

Objectives

- Coordinate evacuation plans of individual communities
- Reduce conflicts across component plans
 - due to the use of common highways

Timeframe: January – November 2005

TWIN CITIES METRO EVACUATION PLAN

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Task-structure



1. TP+ (Tranplan) road network for Twin Cities Metro Area

Source: Met Council TP+ dataset

Summary:

- Contain freeway and arterial roads with road capacity, travel time, road type, area type, number of lanes, etc.
- Contain virtual nodes as population centroids for each TAZ.

Limitation: No local roads (for pedestrian routes)

2. MnDOT Basemap

Source: MnDOT Basemap website (http://www.dot.state.mn.us/tda/basemap)

Summary: Contain all highway, arterial and local roads.

Limitation: No road capacity or travel time.

Demographic Datasets

1. Night time population

- Census 2000 data for Twin Cities Metro Area
- Source: Met Council Datafinder (<u>http://www.datafinder.org</u>)
- Summary: Census 2000 population and employment data for each TAZ.
- Limitation: Data is 5 years old; day-time population is different.

2. Day-time Population

- Employment Origin-Destination Dataset (Minnesota 2002)
- Source: MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development
 - Contain work origin-destination matrix for each Census block.
 - Need to aggregate data to TAZ level to obtain: Employment Flow-Out: # of people leave each TAZ for work. Employment Flow-In: # of people enter each TAZ for work.
- Limitation: Coarse geo-coding => Omits 10% of workers
- Does not include all travelers (e.g. students, shoppers, visitors).

Defining A Scenario

State Fairgrounds, Daytime, 1 Mile Src - 2 Mile Dst,



Reviewing Resulting Evacuation Routes

State Fairgrounds, Daytime, 1 Mile Src - 2 Mile Dst,

Evacuation Planning System for Twin Cities Metro Area

Step 3 of 3: Evacuation Route Plan (

(<u>go home</u>)



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Common Usage of the tool

- Current Usage : Compare options
 - Ex.: transportation modes
 - Walking may be better than driving for 1-mile scenarios
 - Ex.: Day-time and Night-time needs
 - Population is quite different
- Potential Usage: Identify bottleneck areas and links
 - Ex.: Large gathering places with sparse transportation network
 - Ex.: Bay bridge (San Francisco),
- Potential: Designing / refining transportation networks
 - Address evacuation bottlenecks
 - A quality of service for evacuation, e.g. 4 hour evacuation time

Finding: Pedestrians are faster than Vehicles!

Five scenarios in metropolitan area Evacuation Zone Radius: 1 Mile circle, daytime

Scenario	Population	Vehicle	Pedestrian	Ped / Veh
Scenario A	143,360	4 hr 45 min	1 hr 32 min	32%
Scenario B	83,143	2 hr 45 min	1 hr 04 min	39%
Scenario C	27,406	4 hr 27 min	1 hr 41 min	38%
Scenario D	50,995	3 hr 41 min	1 hr 20 min	36%
Scenario E	3,611	1 hr 21 min	0 hr 36 min	44%

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If number of evacuees > bottleneck capacity of network



Driving / Walking Evacuation Time Ratio with regard to # of Evacuees

Key finding 2 – Finding hard to evacuate places!

- Scenario C is a difficult case
 - Same evacuation time as A, but one-fourth evacuees!
 - Consider enriching transportation network around C ?



Number of Evacuees (Day Time) with 1 mile radius

Outline

- Motivation
- Problem Statement
- Why is the problem hard?
- Related Work
- Proposed Approach
- Evaluation Case Studies
 - Nuclear Power Plant
 - Homeland Security
- Conclusion and Future works

Summary Messages

- Evacuation Planning is critical for homeland defense
- Existing methods can not handle large urban scenarios
 - Communities use hand-crafted evacuation plans
- New Methods from Our Research
 - Can produce evacuation plans for large urban area
 - Reduce total time to evacuate!
 - Improves current hand-crafted evacuation plans
 - Ideas somewhat tested in the field

Current Limitations & Future Work

Evacuation time estimates

- Approximate and optimistic
- Assumptions about available capacity, speed, demand, etc.
- No model for pedestrians, bikes, public transportation, etc.
- Quality of input data
 - Population and road network database age!
 - Ex.: Rosemount scenario an old bridge in the roadmap!
 - Data availability
 - Pedestrian routes (links, capacities and speed)
- On-line editing capabilities
 - Taking out a link (e.g. New Orleans bridge flooding) !

Future Work Across Disciplines

- Data Availability
 - Estimating evacuee population, available transport capacity
 - Pedestrian data: walkway maps, link capacities based on width
- Transportation
 - Link capacity depends on traffic density
 - Modeling traffic control signals, ramp meters, contra-flow, ...
- Evacuee Behavior
 - Unit of evacuation: Individual or Household
 - Heterogeneity: by physical ability, age, vehicle ownership, language, ...
- Policy Decisions
 - How to gain public's trust in plans? Will they comply?
 - When to evacuate? Which routes? Modes? Shelters? Phased evacuation?
 - Common good with awareness of winners and losers due to a decision
- Science
 - How does one evaluate an evacuation planning system ?
 - How do we caliberate parameters?

Future Work

□ Time-Variant Flow Network Questions

Static	Time-Variant
Which is the shortest travel time path from downtown Minneapolis to airport?	Which is the shortest travel time path from downtown Minneapolis to airport at different times of a work day?
What is the capacity of Twin- Cities freeway network to evacuate downtown Minneapolis ?	What is the capacity of Twin- Cities freeway network to evacuate downtown Minneapolis at different times in a work day?

D New Routing Questions

Best start time to minimize time spend on networkAccount for delays at signals, rush hour, etc.

The New York Times

U.P.S. Embraces High-Tech Delivery Methods (July 12, 2007) By Claudia H. Deutsch "The research at U.P.S. is paying off.— saving roughly three million gallons of fuel in good part by mapping routes that minimize left turns."

Technology Transfer ...

- Help the nation in the critical area of evacuation planning!
 - Save lives and reduce injuries by reducing evacuation time
 - Reduce productivity loss due to congestion at events (e.g. conventions, professional sports, long weekends such as 4th of July, Memorial day, Fishing opener etc.)
- Mature the research results into tools for first responders
 - Help them use explore many evacuation scenarios
 - Help them compare alternate evacuation routes, transportation modes, etc.
 - Identify hot-spots (e.g. places which take too long to evacuate)
 - Improve transportation networks to address hot-spots
- Develop new scientific knowledge
 - When to use each mode (e.g. public transportation, pedestrian, SOVs)?
 - How to plan multi-modal evacuation routes and schedules?
 - How to model capacities, speed and flow-rate for public transportation, pedestrians?
 - Panic management

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