## **GIS framework for Taluka Bus Transportation Analysis and Provisioning**



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Socio-economic parameters ,Operational data and Migration of data into a database



# Transportation as a Carrier of Development



## What is Development?

- Development" can be defined roughly as "an event constituting a new stage in a changing situation" implicitly a positive/ desirable event[1]
- Sadak, Bijli, Pani for all with high predictability, reliability, high accessibility for all
- Highly interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary

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# Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation महाराष्ट्र राज्य मार्ग परिवहन महामंडळ

- State Transportation Undertaking with 18710 Buses, 609 bus stands and 250 Bus depots[2]
- Motto 'जनसामान्यांसाठी ... रस्ता तिथे एस. टी.'
- 31 divisional offices
- Depot-wise, Division-wise, Region-wise information analysis [3]:
  - i) Geographical Information System
  - ii) Graphical Reports
  - iii) Vehicle Monitoring System
  - iv) 20 Point and Budget
  - v) Daily Report

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[3]Administration Report 2016-17 Government of Maharashtra

#### MSRTC counts its losses

TNN | Mar 28, 2017, 05:43 IST





KOLHAPUR: The state transport corporation is finding it difficult to stay on course with a cumulative net loss of Rs 2712 crore in last five years. The Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC)

is one of the largest public

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#### PUC panel reports points out MSRTC's losses, blames e-ticketing system

The report was filed by a legislative committee led by Bhartiya Janata Party MLA Sunil Deshmukh.

MUMBAI Updated: Dec 26, 2017 00:50 IST



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माङ Rising fuel costs compels corporation to माङ increasing MSRTC bus fares by 18%

#### Waive taxes for MSRTC, Transport Minister urges CM

STAFF REPORTER

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MUMBAI, MAY 29, 20 8 00:41 IST UPDATED: MAY 29, 20 8 00:41 IST

State Transport Minister Diwakar Raote on Monday urged Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to waive State taxes on diesel for the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC).

Mr. Raote said the steady rise in the prices of diesel had severely affected the MSRTC and has threatened to affect the payment of salaries of its employees. Mr. Raote in his letter to the Chief Minister said that the rising fuel prices had increased the financial burden on MSRTC by ₹400 crore every year.

#### Fare hike on cards

He said that the MSRTC was also mulling over hiking the fares to tackle the increasing cost of fuel. Abhijit Bhosale, spokesperson for MSRTC, said the details of the fare hike were yet to be worked out.

MSRTC officials said diesel prices were at ₹58.02 per litre in May 2017, but have now increased to an average of ₹68.39 per litre across the State. The officials said that they would also have to factor in a wage revision for the MSRTC's one lakh employees.

Rising fuel prices has increased the MSRTC's budget by at least Rs 460 crore annually. A salary hike offered to its employees also put a burden of Rs 4849 crores on the corporation.

## National Transport Development Policy Report[4]

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the road transportation sector to mitigate with the following challenges:

- 1. Good quality data to support evidence-based policy making
- 2. Increase in efficiency of the road transport system and satisfaction of its users
- 3. Management of safety and care of the injured



## **Shahapur Taluka Bus Depot**

- ~65 buses on 270 routes with a crew size of ~220 for 80 villages in Taluka
- The lowest load factor (.63) in Thane Division as per 2017 reports

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## Shahapur Taluka Bus Depot

- Form 4: Official schedule of buses prepared at Division Level with the help of Depot manager
- Monthly Operational form or ABC: Official document prepared at Depot level by the traffic controller with the help of ETIM\* data and Data from Cashier's office
- Grading paradigm followed A: Good, B: Needs Improvement, C: Poor

**\*ETIM:** Electronic Ticket Issuing Machine



## **Understanding Form 4**

- A form 4 is an official document that is essentially the bus schedule
- **Terminus:** First or last bus stop of a bus service
- Service: A bus service is a trip between terminals with arrival time, departure time
- Schedule: A schedule is a set of services in such a way that the bus is not changed
- Additionally **Crew duty** is a set of services such that the crew is not changed
- An operational form 4 for any month is considered as **ABC form**



## **Form 4 Screenshot**

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## **ABC TABLE**

• An ABC table consists of the **passenger load data**, **various earnings** by <u>any service of the schedule</u>

- Every service is graded on EPKM (Effective Passenger KiloMetres)
- If EPKM >= 43.32 Grade **A**
- If EPKM >= 22.1 && EPKM < 43.32 Grade **B**
- If EPKM < 22.1 Grade **C**



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## **Problems identified**

- Lack of convergence of Transportation, GIS and Demographics data
- Drudgery in preparing ABC operational Data
- Lack of synchronisation between Form4, ABC and even ETIM data as well
- Lack of GIS data at Taluka Level
- Absence of unified database for Demand estimation and service provisioning



## **Research Question**

**Broad Societal Concern** 

"Poor Public transportation service provisioning in rural areas of Maharashtra"

DRQ. 1 What ICT tools can be developed for a rural public transportation system?

## **Research Objectives**

- To define a model of Taluka public transportation based on graph theory
- To generate GIS data of transportation maps with points of importance, routes etc.
- To map Form 4 and Operational Data in GIS
- To integrate GIS, Operational and Census data together to generate analytics



## **Scope of the Project**

- The field of study was in Shahapur Taluka, Thane District
- Only *lalpari* or Ordinary buses and bus-services are considered
- Data considered is based primarily on Form 4 data
- Non-MSRTC service providers data was collected through field surveys
- No Inter-city Bus services were considered



# **DIGITAL GEOGRAPHY**



## **Graph theory**

- A Graph **G** is a data structure consisting of a set of Edges(**E**) and Vertices(**V**)
- Represented as **G(V,E)**
- Railway network, Stream network of watershed, Drinking water distribution lines etc.



## **Graph Theory in Real life**



Decision to choose path depends upon:

my requirement and who am I?

A Depot manager: routes with max coverage, shortest routes, routes with high profitability.

Tourist: monsoon season let's explore scenic beauty on the way to डोळखांब



## **Bus networks as Graphs**

• Derrible and Kenned (2010) to redraw metro networks into graphs G(V, E) by removing the intermediate vertices and considering the end and transfer edges

V = Vt + Ve where, Vt: Transfer station, Ve: End station

- Vt: Stations where it is possible to change routes without leaving the network
- Ve: Stations which form the beginning/end of a route segment



## **Digital Geography**

- A digital geography is an undirected, planar graph **G(V, E)**
- where: **V** is a set of vertices, **E** is a set of edges
- Each member of V and E have geographical and geometrical properties

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## Definitions

- Vertex(V): A vertex is a point geometry that stores the latt-long
- in our system vertices are identified by  $V = T \cup F_V = F \cup F$  where Terminal (T): End stations Fatavirarki) unstations Fata / Fork/ Junction (F): Transfer stations, Vertices with degree > 2 Fata / Fork/ Junction (F): Transfer stations, Vertices with degree > 2
- Edge(E): A polyline between two vertices in such a way that there is no intermediate
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- Route Segment (RS): Ordered set of Edges

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= $\{i, j\}$  where  $RS_i = n_{\{\overline{E}_{i1}, E_{i2}, E_{i3}..., E_{in}\}}^{n}$  where

 $n = number of edges in \mathbf{RS}_i and \{E_{i1}, E_{i2}, E_{i3}...E_{in}\} \in \mathbf{E}$ 

## **Route Segments contd.**



So let's assume we have the following routes:

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then we have

1π1: (E1,E4) and 1π2:(E1,E6)

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Overthapping ventices will be {सापयान, fatal}



## Implementation of Digital Geography by Google



Image Source: https://www.t-sciences.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/GCP-Layout-Images-2.png

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# IMPLEMENTATION OF DIGITAL GEOGRAPHY



## **Pre-Requisites**

- Taluka Polygon File with Census data
- Form 4 and ABC form, Field data for determining the combinatorics of Termini
- Road network
- Google APIs to ascertain lat-long of termini
- Zila parishad schools data
  - Tool : QGIS 2.18 las palmas, pgAdmin4
  - DBMS : postgresql , PostGIS

Scripting : python 2.7

Packages: PyQt4



## SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE



## **Route Segment Combinatorics**

A route segment is a polyline between any two distinct termini i.e.  $RS \ge \binom{T}{2}$ , Please note that we are not having any Please note that we are not having any data of Edges till this step data of Edges till this step

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These polylines were generated using Google earth as we didn't have MRSAC's roads data of Nashik District and Mumbai Suburbs



## **Terminals**



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## **Taluka Boundary**







## Fatas / Forks / Junctions





## Vertices

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- $V = T \cup F$
- **Data cleaning:** postgres query to find the distance between two vertices, the vertices which were <250 meters of distance were deleted
- Function used: ST\_DistanceSphere(geom1, geom2)



## **Additional Definitions**

- Projections (P): Point of shortest distance from village centroid
- Hub distance: Euclidian distance from village centroid to nearest route segment



## Shapefile generated for Edges

Steps to find edges:

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- 1. Find V intersection RS set
- 2. Order the vertices wrt their route segment
- 3. For every adjacent vertices in a route-segment find the shortest-path



## Limitations of current methodology

- Roads were considered bidirectional and single lane
- The system works well with Single part geometries
- System doesn't consider gradient in terrain (given Shahapur is a hilly area)



# ADDING OPERATIONAL AND CENSUS DATA



# Data Cleanup and Migration done for ABC data and form4

- **Duplicacy** in bus service-ids
- Consistent names of Termini
- Arrival departure values which were previously not in timestamp data-type that was rectified
- Missing values of timings were extrapolated and fixed
- Migration of ABC table from excel format to postgresql



# **OUTPUTS**







## Working Female population versus hub-distance in Shahapur Taluka

Total working females versus the hub distance



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## Field work at a glance

#### **Duration and frequency**

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- 8 (1 day per visit) Visits to Shahapur Taluka depot
- One particular 3-day stay in Taluka to understand the daily schedule of traffic dept., depot manager
- 6 (1 day per visit) Visits to MSRTC Mumbai Central Office
- 2 (1 day per visit) Visits to Thane Division Office Traffic department

#### Agenda

- To understand the working of a bus-depot
- To collect relevant data and formats
- To understand the daily schedule/job roles in a depot
- To interview and survey non-MSRTC service providers

## Conclusion

- Identification of ICT as a key ingredient in bus service provisioning
- Our system tries propose a methodology for converting given road network of MRSAC into Digital Geography
- This data should be given by default by MRSAC to MSRTC
- Digital Geography will help in strengthening our Taluka depots with better decision support systems so that Regional Transportation Development plan can be developed



## **Future scope**

- Analysis of Punctuality data with profitability
- Rescheduling the bus services on the basis of network model
- Deeper analysis of multi-modal transportation in Shahapur Taluka
- Testing the methodology in 3 talukas with different geographies and demographics
- Inter-city transportation analysis for tackling bus-bunching problem
- Identification of routes with maximum coverage, minimum distance and high profitability



## Thank you!



### **DATABASE DESIGN 1.0**





**Roads Shapefile** 

## Schematic for the RS generation

Here,

**t1 t2 rs:** Table consisting of combinations of termini

Termini table: Table consisting of geometries corresponding to termini **Query1:** Inner join guery that joins the two tables above

**P1:** python script that takes in the combinations of termini along with their latlong; generates the shortest-path between them based on MRSAC data; generates the route-segment id and updates the geometry to **RS shapefile** 

Query2: Update query to update RS id in t1 t2 rs



## **Schematic V intersects RS**





## Schematic for Edge creation



**P2:** fetches the geometries from the three shapefiles, creates **Edge Shapefile**, updates v1\_v2\_e with Query 3, updates rs\_e with the ordered set of edges for each RS

v1\_v2\_e: table that stores the combinatorics of

**rs e**: table that stores the ordered set of

Query3: Insert query to populate v1 v2 e

Query4: Insert query to populate rs\_e

## **DATABASE DESIGN 1.2**







## **Operational Data of Form 4**

#### Legend

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## **Population Density**

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Count of bus services as per form 4





## **Hub Distance vs Frequency**





## **Basic Crew Duty analysis of Form 4**

Total Schedules : 56

Total Crew Duties : 108

**Total Duty Hours** 

: 874 hours 25 mins

**Total Occupied Hours** 

: 637 hours



Coverage as per form 4 and projections

