

The Railway Rapid Transit Network Construction Scheduling Problem

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Introduction: The railway transportation planning process



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Introduction: Network Design and Line Planning

Strategic Level



From a specific scenario find the network (stations and stretches) that will be used to transport people using a public transportation mode

Topology of the city (scenario) Potential stations places, potential stretches Physical constraints (land characteristics) Historical buildings...... Demand mobility patterns Alternative transportation modes Population density.....

Given a certain network (obtained from the previous stage) define several corridors (lines) where trains will perform regular services to move people among stations according to one or several demand patterns

Origin and destination of trips Line constraints (number, length, number of stations) Construction cost Distance between stations Planning horizon Alternative transportation modes Demand coverage

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Line planning

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Main Line planning approaches:

Survey: Schöbel, A. Line planning in public transportation: models and methods. OR Spectrum (2012) 34:491–510.

• From a line pool: Generating a set of plausible candidate lines. Combining a subset of lines to define the network (genetic algorithms and other heuristics) or generate new candidate lines from dual information (column generation) with different criteria (Maximizing trip coverage, minimum number of transfers, minimum costs, maximum social welfare...)

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• **Constructive**: Selecting nodes and edges from an underlaying network while maintaining network structure and line constraints with different criteria (Trip coverage, Minimum transfers, minimum costs, maximum social welfare...)

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Constructive approach





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The need of the temporal dimension:

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The inclusion of a detailed time management in our previous mathematical models, make them completely intractable.

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A particular case of a Double Resource-constrained scheduling problem

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- The network is divided into segments (A succession of stations and links).
- Segments are put into operation when they are finished accordingly to certain rules imposed by the construction project plan (later).
- Demand is partially captured during the construction phase.
- We consider that passenger demand is no constant.
- We want to schedule the construction of segments in order to achieve the best **Net Present Value** considering a long planning time interval.
- The **construction order** affects the return of the investment.
- The construction of each segment requires certain inversion (according to the specified budget) and the usage of other resources (the most important, for subway segments: The need of BORING MACHINES).

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Segments' Construction connectivity

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Sets and parameters I

- $\mathcal{N} = \{1, \dots, N\}$, set of segments.
- $\mathcal{V} = \{1, \dots, K\}$, set of nodes representing stations.
- $\mathcal{T} = \{1, \ldots, T\}$, set of periods.
- L, set of lines to be constructed.
- \mathcal{L}' , mandatory set of lines to be constructed.
- L", non-mandatory, set of lines to be constructed.
- L, length of the planning horizon expressed in years.
- \mathcal{A} , adjacency matrix of segments in \mathcal{N} . Each element $a_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}$ is equal to 1 if segments $i, j \in \mathcal{N}$ share a station, zero otherwise.
- $\mathcal{N}(k)$, set of segments containing the node $k \in \mathcal{V}$.
- \mathcal{N}_w , set of segments with weak construction connectivity.
- \mathcal{N}_s , set of segments with strong construction connectivity..
- $\mathcal{V}(i)$, set of nodes belonging to segment $i \in \mathcal{N}$.
- \mathcal{V}_w , set of nodes with weak operation connectivity.
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- $\mathcal{V}_w(i)$, set of nodes with weak operation connectivity in $\mathcal{V}(i)$.
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Auxiliary sets

Sets

Sets and parameters II

- $\mathcal{O}(t)$, origin-destination daily average matrix for period $t \in \mathcal{T}$. Each element of $\mathcal{O}(t)$ is denoted by $o_{kr}(t), k, r \in \mathcal{V}$.
- C_i , cost of constructing segment $i \in \mathcal{N}$, including the construction cost of the facilities needed to operate the segment at stations $k \in \mathcal{V}(i)$.
- D_i , number of periods needed to construct segment $i \in \mathcal{N}$.
- R_t , total expenditure allowed at period $t \in \mathcal{T}$ if the construction budget is considered as a renewable resource.
- R, total expenditure allowed for the project if the construction budget is considered as a non-renewable resource.
- σ , discount rate.
- ρ , initial ticket price.
- Δ_I , annual rate of interest.
- Δ_{ρ} , annual increase rate of ticket price ρ .
- Δ_C , annual increase rate of construction costs.
- p_{kr} , annual increase rate of the element $o_{kr}(t) \in \mathcal{O}(t)$ only for the case in which a linear increase rate of the demand matrix elements is considered.
- N_M set of segments whose construction requires a tunnel boring machine.
- M, number of tunnel boring machines.
- C_M , annual rental cost of tunnel boring machines.

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Economical parameters

Budget

data

Segment's

Variables

- $x_i^t = 1$, if the segment $i \in \mathcal{N}$ is being built in period $t \in \mathcal{T}$, 0 otherwise.
- $y_i^t = 1$, if the construction of the segment $i \in \mathcal{N}$ starts in period $t \in \mathcal{T}$, 0 otherwise.
- $w_i^t = 1$, if the segment $i \in \mathcal{N}$ has been constructed before period $t \in \mathcal{T}$, 0 otherwise.
- $z_k^t = 1$, if the station $k \in \mathcal{V}$ is operational in period $t \in \mathcal{T}$, 0 otherwise.
- H_t , remaining construction budget at the end of period t.
- B_t , slack variables to determine the number of unused boring machines at period t.



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In mandatory lines, segments have to be constructed

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For non-mandatory lines, constraints (1) must be relaxed:





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Constraints II

In this situation, the construction duration of a segment i could be D_i or (depending on whether the segment is built or not. Constraints (2) must b modified to capture this behavior:

Linking x and y variables for non mandatory segments

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Consecutiveness constraints (non-preemptive tasks).

$$D_i \cdot y_i^t \le \sum_{s=t}^{t+D_i-1} x_i^s, \quad i \in \mathcal{N}, \ t \in \mathcal{T}.$$
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Since we do not impose an initial set of segments to be constructed, the fi segments to initiate the network must be selected on the basis of the expect profit. Then for period t = 1 we simply impose the need to start the construct of several connected segments, no matter what they are. To this end, we impose the following constraints:

Connectivity constraints for the initial period

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$$y_i^1 + y_j^1 \le a_{ij} + 1, \quad i, j \in \mathcal{N}, \ j > i.$$

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Constraints III

Here we have to distinguish between segments with weak construction connectivity and those with strong connectivity. In the first case, at period t segment i can be initiated only if at least one of its connected segments in been previously initiated:

Enforcing weak construction connectivity

$$y_i^t \le \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \cdot y_j^s, \quad i \in \mathcal{N}_w, \ t \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\}.$$

$$(7)$$

In the second case, a segment i can be initiated at period t only if at least one of its connected segments has been completed:

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Determining the

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The next two families of constraints are imposed in order to know when segment is completed. For each segment $i \in \mathcal{N}$ in period $t \in \mathcal{T}$, if the sum ℓ all the variables $x_i^s (s \leq t)$, which denotes the periods in which segment i ha been constructed, is precisely D_i , then segment i is completed and the binary variable w_i^t must be activated:

$$D_i \cdot w_i^t \le \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} x_i^s, \quad i \in \mathcal{N}, \ t \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\},$$
(9)

$$\sum_{s=1}^{t-1} x_i^s \le D_i - 1 + w_i^t, \quad i \in \mathcal{N}, \ t \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\}.$$

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In order to later compute the captured demand we need to known when a station k is active for operation (decisions which are represented by variables z_{kt}).

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 (11)

If none of the segments containing node k is completed, then node k is not operational and its demand cannot be captured.

The second case, in its complete form (called full strong operation connectivity) enforces, for a given period t, the need of completing all segments containing the station before t:

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Weak operation connectivity

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Weak operation connectivity

Strong operation

connectivity

Constraints V

If we consider the construction budget as a renewable resource, then each period we will have an amount R_t to construct the network. Then, the total cost of all segments being constructed in period t cannot exceed R_t :

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{C_i}{D_i} \cdot (1 + \Delta_C L(t-1)) \cdot x_i^t + H_t = R_t + (1 + \Delta_I L) \cdot H_{t-1}, \quad t \in \mathcal{T}, \ H_0 = 0.$$
(13)

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Constraints VI and Objective function I

A second important resource for the construction of subway network the number of tunnel boring machines. If this is the case, we can control project deployment by incorporating constraints that take the number of *w* into account:

Boring machines number. Limitation per period (renewable resource)

(16)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} x_i^t + B_t = M, \quad t \in \mathcal{T}.$$

The objective function consists on maximizing the net profit, i.e. the t revenue achieved along certain planning horizon as a consequence of the c tured demand, minus the construction cost, both discounted to the beginn of the planning horizon.

Capturing demand Capturing the demand as the stations are going to be active

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{\rho \cdot (1 + \Delta_{\rho} \cdot L \cdot (t-1)) \cdot 365L}{e^{\sigma L t}} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{r=1}^{K} o_{kr}(t) \left(z_{k}^{t} \cdot z_{r}^{t} \right)$$
(17)

In the linear case, $o_{kr}(t) = o_{kr}(0) \cdot (1 + p_{kr}(t-1))$ and hence the net revenue will be

The linear case

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(18)

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Objective function II

Costs

The net cost considers, period by period, the amount spent in the construction of the corresponding segments and the extra cost due to the rent of additional tunnel boring machines. Taking into account that C_M is the annual rental cost of additional boring machines, $M - B_t - 1$ is the number of additional tunnel boring machines used in period t, C_i represents the total cost of segment $i \in N$ and D_i the number of periods needed to construct segment i, supposing a linear cost per period, the net cost of the project is given by

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{(1 + \Delta_C \cdot L \cdot (t-1))}{e^{\sigma L(t-1)}} \Big(C_M \cdot L \cdot (M - B_t - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{C_i}{D_i} \cdot x_i^t \Big).$$
(19)

Objective function

$$\begin{aligned}
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- \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{(1 + \Delta_{C} \cdot L \cdot (t-1))}{e^{\sigma L (t-1)}} \Big(C_{M} \cdot L \cdot (M - B_{t} - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{C_{i}}{D_{i}} \cdot x_{i}^{t} \Big) \Big].
\end{aligned}$$
(20)

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The main differences with respect to a resource constrained scheduling problem:

- In a resource constrained scheduling problem there is a set of initial tasks (at least one). In our case, the initial task is unknown.
- The usual objective function in an scheduling problem consists in minimizing the total completion time instead of maximizing the net profit.
- Both cost and revenues depend on the order of tasks completion, which also differs from the usual formulation of resource constrained projects, especially in those related with revenues, that are not considered in this kind of problems.
- Finally, the residual budget of each period is also used as input for next periods, which is also a novelty with respect to the usual formulation.

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Segments										
Lines	N.	Nodes	Length (m)	Type Under. on Surface	N. Periods	Total cost (thousand €)	Cost per period (thousand € per period)			
	1	22, 21	844.6	U	1	31356.11	31356.11			
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Line 1	4	17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10	4602.3	U	4	147677.43	36919.36			
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Line 2	7	23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30	5479.8	U	5	163633.62	32726.72			
	8	30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38	5288.9	U	5	168161.98	33632.40			
Line 3	9	39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44	3631.6	U	3	114029.08	38009.69			
	10	44, 45, 46, 34, 47, 48, 14	3115.0	U	3	112636.20	37545.40			
	11	14, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55	4614.4	U	4	147898.41	36974.60			
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Boring machines speed: 15m/day

- Length of a time period: 3 months.
- All segments with the exception of segments 2, 5 and 14 are underground.
- Planning horizon is set to 25 years (100 time periods).
- Annual cost increment of 2%.
- Discount annual rate of 5%,

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Initial ticket price of 1 € with 2% of annual increment

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a) From stations of Line 1 to the remaining stations



c) From stations of Line 3 to the remaining stations

b) From stations of Line 2 to the remaining stations

d) From stations of Line 4 to the remaining stations

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60 million passengers per year 5256 OD pairs Annual increment of demand of 1%

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20,000 thousand € per tunnel km (double track) 5,000 thousand € per km on surface double tracks.

Station cost:

8,000 thousand € per station 3,000 thousand for on-surface station facilities.

- Renewable budget of 300 Millions € /year
- Boring machines

 3 tunnel boring machines
 Rental cost of 1,440 thousand €/year
 (120,000 € per month).
- Weak construction connectivity
- Weak operation connectivity for all the stations.



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Instance main characteristics

- 20385 Constraints
- 12301 Variables : 501 continuous, 11800 binary binary
- 262800 Quadratic objective terms
- Standard Branch and Cut (Implemented using the python API of Gurobi)
- Approx: 15 min of computation time to reach the optimum.

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Results I





Temporal evolution of the discounted revenue and construction cost. $R = Millions \notin /year$. M = 3 tunnel boring machines.

Temporal evolution of the cumulative discounted revenue and construction cost. R= Millions \in /year. . M = 3 tunnel boring machines.



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Results IV





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Results V







(b) R = 400,000 thousand \in per year



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Results V



(a) R = 200,000 thousand \in per year



(b) R = 400,000 thousand \in per year



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Results VI







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We have proposed a methodology to practically analyse the construction of a transportation network.

We can deal with different technological constraints regarding construction Issues.

The actual formulation allows us to solve relatively big scenarios in reasonable computing times.

Future topics

- Consideration of non-deterministic segment construction times.
- Inclusion of operational costs (in order to determine possible subsidies to transportation service providers)

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