

Modelling Accessibility based on Urbanization using Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

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Abstract—The present study involves modelling the accessibility index with respect to the traffic volume, Right of Way width and Population density. It also involves the collection of number of different types of opportunities like schools, hospitals, ATMs, bus-stops and parks to determine the accessibility index. Two different methods are used in the study such as Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) to develop models in order to predict the accessibility index. Based on the R^2 value obtained in the models, it is observed that ANN has better prediction capability than MLR model. The study acts as a guide to the urban transportation planners to understand the change in accessibility index when there is a change in urbanization variables.

I. INTRODUCTION

The process of restricting and governing transport options to promote the efficient operation of the country's life in politics, society, and the economy at a minimal social cost is known as planning for urbanization. When it comes to traffic, mobility, and right of way, urbanization is the main issue. Urbanization models include changes in land use, the prevalence of automobile ownership, socioeconomic conditions, average incomes, retail activity, and industrial activity. Vianna et al. (2017) examined the likelihood of building a combined parking structure using telemetry resources and also covered the development a conceptual framework for handling and transmitting data and information. The methodologies of integrated transportation planning established for the Puget Sound Regional Council were reviewed by Reinke and Malarkey (2017). They also covered how integrated transportation planning will fit into the process of strategic planning. The 3,140 counties in the United States were examined by Cradock et al. (2018) in terms of region, population density and development, social and economic characteristics, and indicators of walking and bicycle for transportation. They also evaluated investments made to comply with national transport regulations related to cycling and walkers. This study's findings led to three important policy suggestions for enhancing public health outcomes. Velarde (2019) provided a demonstration of a mathematical framework to enhance sustainable in the management of transportation expenses in a system of distribution. In this paper, the vehicle

routing problem is applied mathematically using mixed-integer linear programming. To lower the transportation costs involved with these routes, the model establishes the distribution routes from a distribution centre to each consumer. Theorems from network theory can be used to effectively choose sites for each bicycle station to be placed across the city, according to a mathematical model established by Kim (2020) for the installation of public transit systems. DynaMIT is a real-time system that generates passenger guidance, according to Ben-Avika et al. (2019). DynaMIT's guiding principle is that information should be trustworthy and easy to utilise. Cho and Hwanc (2020) created a flow evolution model for a vehicular network using expected journey data using the dynamical system approach. On a daily basis, the peak-hour average was used to measure the relevant system variables, path flow, and estimated minimal trip time of an origin-destination pair. Mishra and Das (2016) investigated a three-dimensional transportation problem with a similarly structured objective function—namely, the sum of a linear and linear fractional function—and created a simplex type technique for solution in addition to computational testing for local minimum. In a study of a paradox in linear fractional transportation problems with mixed constraints, Gupta et al. (2013) discovered a necessary condition for a paradox's existence. A counterintuitive spectrum of flow was also generated for any flow wherein the appropriate goal function value was smaller than the value of the initial Sequential Fraction Transport Problems with Mixed Constraints.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study is carried out in five phases. The first phase involves defining the objectives and identification of study area. The second phase of the study deals with the collection of field data such as traffic volume, speed data, road geometrics data etc. It also involves the collection of number of different types of opportunities like schools, hospitals, ATMs, bus-stops and parks to determine the accessibility index. In the third phase of the study, the collected field data is analyzed to develop models. The last phase of the study involves modelling the accessibility index with respect to the traffic volume, Right of Way width and Population density.

III. STUDY AREA

Hyderabad city, capital of Telangana state is chosen as the study area. The city of Hyderabad also serves as the central hub of transport and logistics within the state. Five mid-block sections and five signalized intersections were chosen to perform analysis. The mid-block sections and signalized intersections chosen for the analysis are given in Table 1.

TABLE I. MID-BLOCK SECTIONS AND SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS CHOSEN FOR THE STUDY

Mid-block Section S.No	Name of the Mid-block sections	Signalized intersection S.No	Name of the Signalized intersections
I	Shilparamam to Madhapur	I	Shilparamam
II	Moosapet to Miyapur	II	JNTU
III	Panjagutta to Lakdikapool	III	Khairthabad
IV	Paradise to Secundrabad railway Station	IV	Secundrabad railway station
V	Chikkadapalli to Musheerabad	V	RTC Cross Roads

IV. FIELD DATA COLLECTION

Different type of field data is collected for mid-block sections and signalized intersections chosen for the study. The type of data collected from the field are traffic volume using video-graphic method. The population data of the required locations was taken from the Statistics department of Telangana state. Five different opportunities like schools, hospitals, ATMs, bus-stops and parks chosen for the study. The number of each different type of opportunity is computed using Google Earth software in the selected locations of mid-blocks and signalized intersections. Then a weighted accessibility index is computed for each location.

V. MODELLING THE ACCESSIBILITY

The analysis of the data includes computation of accessibility index with respect to different types of opportunities. The weighted accessibility index obtained by giving weightages to different opportunities. The accessibility index is considered as the dependent variable in the models developed. The traffic volume (V), Right of Way width (W) and population density (PD) as independent variables. Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) methods have been used to develop the model in the present study.

VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

6. 6.1 Multiple Linear regression (MLR) model

Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) model is developed to predict accessibility index with respect to the independent variables such as traffic volume (V), Right of Way width (W) and population density (PD). The results of the MLR model are shown in Table 2.

TABLE II. REGRESSION STATISTICS OF THE MLR MODEL

Dependent variable :accessibility index			
Independent variable	Coefficient	p-value	t-stat value
Intercept	25.43	0.00	3.01
V	0.001	0.00	3.75
W	-0.613	0.00	5.84
PD	0.36	0.00	4.25
R ² value: 0.81			

The MLR developed in the study is used to predict accessibility index with respect to the independent variables such as traffic volume (V), Right of Way width (W) and population density (PD). The regression statistics such as p-value and t-stat value indicates that all the independent variables have significant impact on accessibility index. The change in each of these variables will reflect a considerable change in the accessibility index values.

6.2 Artificial Neural Network (ANN) model

The input layer, the hidden layer for determining input weights, and the output layer make up an ANN. Network training, choosing the best network topology, and testing are the three stages of ANN development. 70% of the data is used by ANN for training, 15% is used for testing, and 15% is used for validation. Based on the trial and procedure iterations, the number of hidden layers and neurons is determined. The ideal network topology is one that has a smaller error between measured values and values predicted by an ANN.

The ANN technique was also employed in this study to forecast accessibility index depending on the geometry of the road network. In this work, accessibility index is employed as the output layer and V, W, and PD are used as the input layers in a multi-layered feed-forward ANN. To find the ideal network layout, many iterations were done while varying the number of hidden layers and neurons. The ideal network topology is one that has a smaller error between measured values and values predicted by an ANN. Ten neurons were used in a network topology with two layers—one hidden and one output—and two hidden layers for predicting the accessibility index. The output of the ANN model is presented in Figure 1.

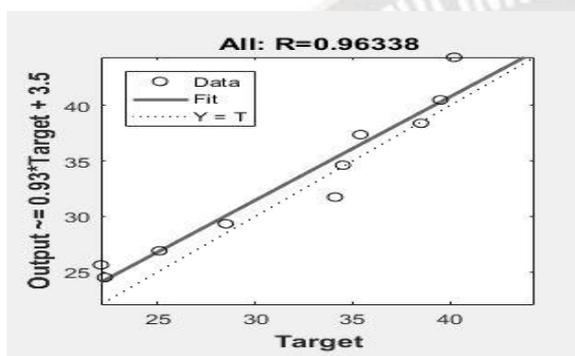


Figure 1 Output of ANN model

CONCLUSIONS

The study attempted to analyze the variation of accessibility index with respect to the urbanization parameters such as traffic volume, Right of Way width and population density. Two different methods are used in the study such as Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) to develop models in order to predict the accessibility index. Based on the R^2 value obtained in the models, it is observed that ANN has better prediction capability than MLR model. The analysis of variation of accessibility index with respect to urbanization parameters is a novel approach. The study acts as a guide to the urban transportation planners to understand the change in accessibility index when there is a change in urbanization variables.

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