

Coalition Game for Emergency Vehicles Re-routing in Smart Cities

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Introduction

- Impact of traffic congestion:
 - Increases travel journey
 - Increases accidents on roads
 - Increases road deaths
 - Increases fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.
- So, traffic congestion control mechanism is important in smart cities.
- VANETs include Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V) and Vehicle to Infrastructure (V2I) communication systems.
- Both systems can be used to collect traffic information.



The Proposed Framework

- This system includes three phases are:
 - Data collection
 - Road network
 - Coalition game of emergency vehicles
- Each vehicle sends Road ID and average velocity using hello packets.





• Road Network: road network can be modelled as a directed graph G = (N, E). $T_L R_L D_L = H_1 \lceil r_{11} r_{12} r_{13} \rceil$

 $H = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ H_v \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ r_{v1} & r_{v2} & r_{v3} \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{bmatrix}$ • The normalized road matrix has been obtained using the following equation:

 $H_2 \mid r_{21} \quad r_{22} \quad r_{23}$

$$r_{jk} = \frac{\max_{\forall i} \{x_{jk}\} - x_{jk}}{\max_{\forall i} \{x_{jk}\} - \min_{\forall i} \{x_{jk}\}}.$$
$$r = \{r_{jk} | j = 1, \dots, v; k = 1, 2, 3\}$$



• The speed ratio is defined to numerically represent the traffic state of a road as follows:





- Main parameters of the cost function:
 - Road travel time, road length, density of vehicles
- A linear relationship between speed and density (Greenshield's model, [1])

The current traffic density:

The maximum jam density:

Density ratio:

 $D_L = D_q (1 - V_r)$ $D_q = g \frac{L_i}{Avg_L}$ $D_r = \frac{D_L}{D_q}$ $V_r = 1 - D_r$

Velocity ratio

[1] M. A. Chowdhury, A. W. Sadek, Fundamentals of intelligent transportation systems planning, Artech House, U.S., 2003.



• The cost function of the emergency vehicle:

$$f = \min\{w_1 T_L + w_2 R_L + w_3 D_L\}$$





Coalition Game for Emergency Vehicles

- A normal form cooperative game is a couple (*N*, *U*) where:
 - *N* is a set of players.
 - U is a value function that assigns a real value to every coalition $C \in 2^N$.
- $EV = \{EV_1, EV_2, \dots, EV_n\}$ represents number of players or emergency vehicles.
- Each route in $R = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$ generated from PSO is considered as a coalition in the game and each EV in N will play a strategy $S = \{join, not join\}$ that is EV prefer to join for a certain coalition or not.



Coalition Game of Emergency Vehicles

Algorithm 1 The particle swarm algorithm.

- 1: Initialize the particle array with some random solutions.
- 2: Loop

For each particle z with position p_z in S domain do

Estimate the fitness function f for each particle as in (7).

If $f(p_z) < f(pbest)$

 $pbest = p_z$

where pbest is the location of the best fitness of all visited location.

End If

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{If } f(pbest) < f(gbest) \\ gbest = pbest \end{array}$

where gbest is the best location or solution found so far.

End If

End For

3: Update particle velocity and position. For each particle z in S do

$$vs = vs + e_1 rand()(pbest - p_z) + e_2 rand()(gbest - p_z)$$
(8)

$$p_z = p_z + vs \tag{9}$$

End For

Here, v is the particle velocity, p_z is the current solution. rand () is a random number between (0, 1). e_1 and e_2 are learning factors. Usually $e_1 = e_2 = 1$.

- 4: T = T + 1 advanced iteration.
- 5: Exit the loop, if $T \ge T_{max}$.

6: **End**.





Coalition Game for Emergency Vehicles

- Communication among emergency vehicles and RSU is based on query and response messages.
- Each emergency vehicle send a query to request an optimal route or coalition from the RSU.
- RSU send a response messages that contain the optimal routes.
- Emergency vehicles send the coalition name to other vehicles to join this group or the second one.



Performance Evaluation

Birmingham New Street Train Station





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Conclusions and Future Work

- We propose a new dynamic approach called GA-PSO for the emergency vehicles routing.
- GA-PSO has been tested under traffic scenarios and compared with two other algorithms ODA and D-DA.
- GA-PSO has better performance in terms of:
 - Travel time.
 - Fuel consumption.
 - CO2 emissions.
 - Average travel speed.



Thank you!