Route Planning for Electric Vehicles: Taking Energy Efficiency, Distance, and Reloading Opportunities into Account







- cheap oil
- larger cruising range with fuel-driven cars
- starter motors





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Conventional Route Planning

given a road network G(V, E) and edge costs (e.g. distance or travel time) $c: E \to \mathbb{R}^+$, compute the minimum cost path from $s \in V$ to $t \in V$.

Basic Algorithm

Dijkstra, runtime $\mathcal{O}(n\log n + m)$ with n = |V|, m = |E|

query time: seconds on Germany

Speed-Up Techniques

Contraction Hierarchies, Reach, Transit Nodes, ... query time: milli/microseconds

Conditions

edge costs constant and non-negative!



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 $\frac{\text{Dijkstra}}{\text{Bellman-Ford }\mathcal{O}(nm)}$







[Artmeier et al. 2010]

extended version of Bellman-Ford solves the problem

- check for every path prefix whether constraints are satisfied
- runtime $\mathcal{O}(nm)$ impractical for large networks! minutes to hours on Germany...





⇒ Bellman-Ford can be applied directly

Dealing with negative edge costs

Assumption: G has no negative cost cycles

THEOREM [Johnson 1977]

There exists a potential function $\phi: V \to \mathbb{R}$, such that $\forall e = (v, w) \in E$ yields: $c'(e) = c(e) + \phi(v) - \phi(w) \ge 0$ and the structure of shortest paths remains the same under the new costs.

Generalisation to edge cost functions

$$f'(b_v) = f(b_v - \phi(v)) + \phi(v) - \phi(w)$$

⇒ Dijkstra applicable after preprocessing phase query times in the order of seconds on Germany!

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Optimal Route Planning for Electric Vehicles in Large Networks *Jochen Eisner, Stefan Funke, Sabine Storandt* AAAI, 2011

A* framework for dynamically changing energy costs

Efficient Energy-Optimal Routing for Electric Vehicles

Martin Sachenbacher, Martin Leucker, Andreas Artmeier, Julian Haselmayr AAAI, 2011

Customizable route planning for EVs

Energy-Optimal Routes for Electric Vehicles

Moritz Baum, Julian Dibbelt, Thomas Pajor, Dorotha Wagner SIGSPATIAL, 2013

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Acceleration schemes to still achieve query times in the order milliseconds

Quick and Energy-Efficient Routes - Computing Constrained Shortest Paths for Electric Vehicles *Sabine Storandt* IWCTS, 2012

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Taking into account that speed influences energy consumption

Speed-Consumption Tradeoff for Electric Vehicle Route Planning *Moritz Baum, Julian Dibbelt, Lorenz Hübschle-Schneider, Thomas Pajor, Dorothea Wagner* ATMOS, 2014

Energy-Efficient Routing: Taking Speed into Account *Frederik Hartmann, Stefan Funke* KI, 2014

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Many, many, many more...

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Two-phase bicriterion search for finding fast and efficient electric vehicle routes *Michael T. Goodrich, Pawe Pszona* SIGSPATIAL, 2014





How often do I have to recharge?

What is the quickest feasible path with recharging?

What is the quickest feasible path whith at most k recharging events?

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Many papers on more complicated settings...

- ... incomplete reloading allowed
- ... different kind of loading stations





Natural Goals place loading stations such that...

... one can drive from anywhere to anywhere (and back)... one can always drive on shortest paths... one can drive on shortest paths allowing small detours

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Enabling E-Mobility: Facility Location for Battery Loading Stations

Sabine Storandt, Stefan Funke National Conference of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence (AAAI, 2013)

Placement of Loading Stations for Electric Vehicles: No Detours Necessary!

Stefan Funke, Andre Nusser, Sabine Storandt National Conference of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence (AAAI, 2014)

traffic planning

higher demand in cities

considering different kinds of charching stations

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new challenges to the power grid

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