agent-based two-sided mobility platform simulator

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Two-sided platforms

Two-sided mobility platform:

two-sided supply (drivers, vehicles) and demand (travellers)

platform connects supply and demand

mobility offering travellers to supply their mobility needs (reach a destination)





MaaSim

Agent-based two-sided mobility platform simulator

MaaSSim

open source · python · lightweight · agent-based · simulator

The why's:

motivation emerging service, disruptive to urban mobility landscape

- new to focus on phenomena central to two-sided platforms and not wellstudied traffic flow, route choice, congestion, etc. Faster learning curve than well-established full-stack MatSim, SUMO, etc.
- challenging independent decision makers: heterogenous, individual, adaptive, strategic

complex system dynamics driven by multiple agent classes





MaaSim https://github.com/RafalKucharskiPK/MaaSSim

an agent-based simulator, reproducing the dynamics of two-sided mobility platforms (like Uber and Lyft) in the context of urban transport networks.



It models the behaviour and interactions of two kinds of agents:

(i) travellers, requesting to travel from their origin to a destination at a given time, and

(ii) drivers, supplying their travel needs by offering them rides.

The interactions between the two agent types are mediated by the:

(iii) platform(s), matching demand and supply.

Both supply and demand are microscopic.

pip install maassim Kucharski R. and Cats O. *MaaSSim – agent-based two-sided mobility platform simulator*(2020, arxiv.org/pdf/2011.12827)





MaaSSim Agent routines



travellers

- · accepting offers,
- · selecting platforms and modes,
- · leaving the system

drivers

· leaving the system · accepting requests · re-positioning

platform

setting prices matching request

Smart Public Transport

Interpretation

travellers

 human behaviour modelling (discrete choice model),
 evolution and adaptation (reinforcement learning),
 decision support.

drivers

- · modelling actual human behaviour
- · decision support
- · optimal actions
- (autonomous vehicles)

platform

 market actions (game-theory)
 distributed system (control-theory)





MaaSSim

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from MaaSSim.simulators import simulate, simulate_parallel
from MaaSSim.utils import get_config, load_G
from MaaSSim.utils import prep_supply_and_demand, collect_results
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sim = simulate() # run MeaSSim simulation
sim.runs[0].trips # access the results
params = get_config('default.jon') # load configuration
params.city = "Nootdorp, Netherlands" # modify it
inData = load_G(params) # load different network graph
params.nP = 50 # modify number of travellers
inData = prep_supply_and_demand(inData, params) # regenerate supply and demand
sim2 = simulate(inData, params) # rerun the simulation with new data and parameters
print('Simulated wait times: ()s and ()s. '.format(sim.res[0].pax_exp['WAIT'].sum(),
sim2.res(0).pax_exp['WAIT'].sum())) # compare some results
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space = {nP=[5,10,20], nV = [5,10]} # define the search space to explore in experiments
simulate_parallel(inData, params, search.space = space) # run parallel experiments
res = collect_results(params.paths.dumps) # collect results from so mparallel experiments
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def my_function(*=kwargs): # user defined function to represent agent decisions
    veh = kwargs.get('veh', None) # input
    sin = veh.sin # access to the simulation object
    if len(sim.runs)==0 or sin.res[last_run].veh_exp.loc[veh.id].nRIDES > 3:
        return False # if I had more than 3 rides yesterday I stay
    else:
        return True # otherwise I leave
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sim = simulate(inData,params, f_driver_out = my_function) # run MaaSSim with user-defined function





- public repository
- open, short code
- Module, rather than a software
- tutorial, examples, jupyter notebooks

Documentation

- 1. Tutorials:
- Quickstart
- Overview
- Configuration
- · Your own networks
- · You own demand
- Developing own decision functions
- Interpreting results
- 2. Reproducible use-cases and experiments

Installation:

pip install MaaSSim (osmnx has to be installed first with instructions from here

https://github.com/RafalKucharskiPK/MaaSSim



Questions

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