Carsharing Fleet Location Design with Mixed Vehicle Types for CO2 Emission Reduction

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- Introduction
- Mathematical Models
- Computational Results
- Conclusions

What is carsharing?

- Short-term car rentals
- One-way or round-trip





Industry growth

Worldwide membership tripled over 4 years



Adapted from "Carsharing and personal vehicle services: worldwide market developments and emerging trends", S.A. Saheen.

Worldwide fleet sizes tripled over 4

years

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Carsharing providers



Carshare design and optimization

- Consider strategic decisions
 - Car types to purchase to appeal to larger customer base?
 - Carbon emissions limit?
- Evaluate the impact
 - Case study (Zipcar Boston)
 - Mathematical modeling
- Optimize profitability and quality of service via models that
 - Incorporate round-trip and one-way demands
 - Incorporate carbon emissions constraint
 - Make strategic decisions about diverse portfolio of vehicle types

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Framing the problem

Carsharing companies need a diverse vehicle portfolio

How does demand for different vehicle types affect:

- Profitability
- Quality of service
 - One-way and round-trip
 - Denied trip
 - Trip fulfillment
- Purchasing decisions
- Carbon emissions

Building the spatial-temporal network

- Zones 1, 2
- Time periods 0, 1, 2, 3
- n_{it}: Zone *i* at time *t*



Round-trip arcs

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Defining Model 1

Inputs

- Car purchase cost and emissions generated
- Car rental price
- Arc capacity (demand)

Objective

• Maximize total revenue of operating cars over set time

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Decision variables

- Number and type of cars purchased at each zone
- Number of cars to route along each arc

Constraints

- Number of cars entering each node equals number of cars leaving
- Carbon emission produced does not exceed limit
- Car purchase cost does not exceed limit

Assumptions

- A set of service zones and a finite number of service periods
- Serve one-way and round-trip rentals
- Cars can be relocated, to balance vehicle distributions
- Unsatisfied demand is immediately lost

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• First-come first-serve (FCFS) principle:

If there is a car available (idle) at that node when a customer comes in, you must serve the customer

- Model 2 (M2) enforces FCFS
- Denied trip percentage serves as metric
- New binary variable introduced at each node

Add the following constraints to M1:

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Else, no idle cars can flow from that node.

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Data description

- Zipcar operations for Greater Boston
- Timeframe from Oct. 1 to Nov. 30, 2014
- # of reservations made each hour for 60 zip codes



Car type description

- 4 sedan types
- Gasoline powered, electric, hybrid, plug-in hybrid electric

Vehicle type <i>j</i>	MSRP (m_j)	Revenue (r_j / r'_j)	Relocation (c^{rel})	Idle (p)	$\operatorname{CO}_2(c_j)$
Fit EV 2014	\$37,445	\$7.75/\$12.00	\$8.00	\$0.4	1200 g
Fit LX 2015	\$17,270	\$7.75/\$12.00	\$8.00	\$0.4	2960 g
Accord PHEV 2014	\$39,780	\$7.75/\$12.00	\$8.00	\$0.4	2000 g
Accord Hybrid 2015	\$29,305	\$7.75/\$12.00	\$8.00	\$0.4	2270 g

Computational efficiency

- Tests run for M1 and M2
- Vary one-way demand
- M1 significantly faster than M2

*Use Python + Gurobi 6.0.3, Intel(R) Core(TM) <u>i5-4200U</u> CPU with 6GM RAM

One-Way Proportion	0%	40%	80%	100%			
CPU Time	61.44*	39.39	52.77	63.59			
Optimal Objective Value	\$16,709.95	\$17,382.00	\$20,779.70	\$21,732.05			
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CPU Time	169.33	233.55	998.31	91.54	
Optimal Objective Value	\$16,701.15	\$17,371.20	\$20,732.25	\$21,732.05	

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Carsharing companies want to

- Expand market demographic
- Provide reliable service
- Benefit environment by lowering carbon emissions

Our model

- Determines diverse vehicle portfolio
- Enforces high QoS and first-come first-serve principle
- Enforces carbon emissions constraints while still maximizing profit

The future: service-based transportation

- Ford's expanded business plan is to be "both an auto and a mobility company"
- General Motors invested \$500 million in Lyft, a ridesharing service
- Future work:

Developing more strategies to expand ridesharing services Integrating shared autonomous vehicles into daily life

Questions?