Lab 10 Freeway Detector Data & Greensheild's Model (1)

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Announcements

Report 3 grade statistics:

Mean	Max	Min	Median
3.45(86%)	4.00	0.69	3.68(92%)

- Report 4 due on Apr. 24.
- Last meeting date is Apr. 25.

Objectives

- Look up detector maps and get familiar with real detector data
- Calculate the density, flow, and speed from detector data
- Learn R package "ggplot2" for generating nice plots
- Fit Greenshield's Models (flow-speed)

Detector Map

Open "MNDOT All Detector Report"





Figure: MnDOT Detector Map

Detector Locations



Figure: How to get the location of a detector

1. Detector data

MnDOT Data Extraction Tool



Figure: How to get the location of a detector¹

¹http://data.dot.state.mn.us/datatools/

Detector Data

Direct data:

- Occupancy [%]: How much the detector was "on"
 - Eg. "In the last hour, the detector had an occupancy of 10%"
- Volume [veh/ln/time]: How many vehicles in a given time Eg. "We measured a volume of 1500 veh/hr"

Derived data:

- Density [veh/ln/mi]: How many vehicles per lane per mile
 - Eg. "This road has a jam density of 196 veh/ln/mi"
- Flow [veh/ln/hr]: How many vehicles per hour

Equations

Density:

$$k = \frac{O}{L+d} = \frac{O}{100} (\frac{5280}{16+6})$$

where O is occupancy,

L is average length of vehicles (feet), d is average length of detector (feet)

Flow:

$$q = 3600 \times \frac{Vol}{T}$$

Speed:

$$v = \frac{q}{k}$$

2. Creating plots using ggplot2

R pacakge - ggplot2



Figure: Flow-speed plot using default Figure: Flow-speed plot using ggplot2 device

Using ggplot2

Read "ggplot2-cheatsheet".



Figure: ggplot2 usage

Greenshield's Model



Figure: Greenshield's Model