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# A Methodology to Consider Explicitly Emissions in Dynamic User Equilibrium Assignment

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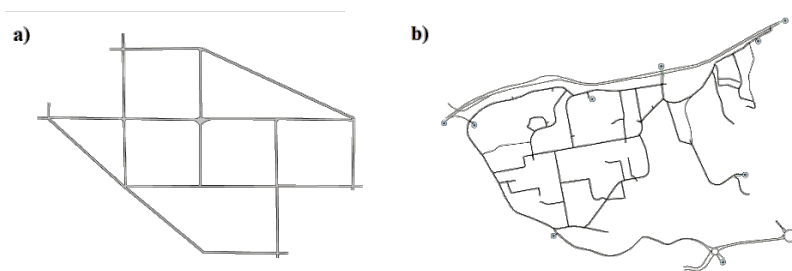
**Abstract.** This work presents a methodology to obtain Dynamic User Equilibrium (DUE) over a road network considering the exhausted gas effect of motorized traffic. On purpose, three emission models are integrated in part to the traffic simulator AIMSUN and, an entire modeling structure is proposed. The proposed methodology is tested on both a hypothetical test network and a real-world network from Istanbul, Turkey. With the use of dynamic traffic assignment components of AIMSUN, emissions are incorporated to dynamic cost functions. Furthermore, link travel times are considered in the dynamic cost functions in conjunction with emissions. The DUE condition is converged according to dynamic cost functions. Results with the employment of different emission models on a real road network are visualized, compared, and discussed.

**Keywords:** Dynamic Traffic Assignment, Vehicular Emissions, Traffic Simulation, Optimization.

## 1 Introduction

The environmental aspects of transportation problems have been gaining significant focus in recent years. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) [1], road transportation has become the greatest source for carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>x</sub>), and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>x</sub>) emissions. One of the ways of addressing such issues in transportation engineering requires the consideration of environmental perspectives for transportation network flow modeling. Integration of such environmental perspectives to modeling methodologies (i.e., Dynamic Traffic Assignment) is an active topic in the literature [2]. In the work summarized in this paper in part, a methodology is developed considering explicitly the dynamic variation of emissions throughout the modeling horizon. On purpose, the DTA module in AIMSUN [3] is used in the integrated model structure. Different emission models, i.e., Barth and Boriboonsinsin [5], MOVESTAR [6], and QUARTET [7], are integrated to AIMSUN as a part of dynamic cost functions. Using the DTA module of AIMSUN, Dynamic User Equilibrium (DUE) is aimed to be obtained considering emission effects of traffic. To observe the effects of emissions

on vehicle routing, two scenarios are created. In the first scenario, the dynamic cost functions are written considering only the link travel times. For the second scenario, emissions and travel times are considered together in the dynamic cost functions. Prior to case study modeling, the proposed methodology is tested on Nguyen-Dupuis test network with hypothetical traffic demand data. Following trials at the test network, the proposed modeling structure is used to simulate flows over a medium-large scale road network of the main campus of (ITU) using real-world measurements. Real-world measurements, i.e., observed speeds on links and turning ratios at intersections, have been used to calibrate the model and to obtain demand profiles for the morning and evening peak hours. The test network and ITU network, which is modeled in AIMSUN network editor, are given respectively in Fig.1a and Fig. 1b.



**Fig. 1.** a) Nguyen-Dupuis Test Network, b) Istanbul Technical University Campus

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