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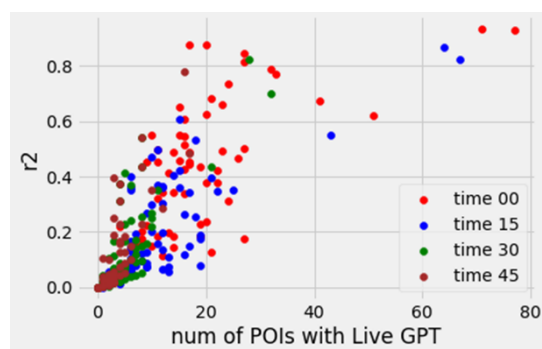
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Google Popular Times (GTP) data are a novel data source that is open to the public, accessible in real-time and available in areas around the world. The data are available from webpages for “points of interests” (POIs) which can be a wide range of public facilities. Below figure shows a general example of the information (red bar is live information). We have been collecting the information from a wide number of POIs in Kyoto for the whole year. Static information (blue bars) could be obtained from 10121 POIs and both static and live information from 1524 POIs.



The conducted research aimed to explain and predict travel demand patterns for train stations in Kyoto city with this data. In particular, we wanted to understand if it is possible to explain why people travel to a station, by comparing the time series of station GTP data and those of nearby attraction POIs such as shops, restaurants and tourist attractions. Multiple linear regression models are developed using the POI data to analyse the correlation. The first set of our regression models aim to identify POIs and POI types that have the highest impact on the demand at each station. The subsequent models use station live popularity, station historical popularity and POI visitation to predict demand.

The research showed that we are able to identify influential POIs and quantify their impacts given that there is a sufficient number of POIs in the vicinity of the station. The figure shows one example of the results where time indicates the time lag of prediction. For prediction, the station’s historical popularity and live popularity are most significant when compared to its surrounding POIs. POI visitation data are shown to be useful when trying to predict further into the future. Our findings suggest that GTP data can enable transit planners and transit users to predict station demand in real-time. City planners would also gain valuable insights in understanding for what type of activities travellers alight or board from each station. Moreover, the method can be scaled and applied to other types of transit stations in other cities.



In addition to this research we have also been collecting and using GTP data from Shizuoka to understand origin destination patterns in passenger flow. Here also the daily patterns in busyness of specific locations can explain and predict the bus demand. We are using for this regression analysis as well as advanced machine learning methods.

In future research we aim to continue these research directions. For example, there is still a lot to explore based on the initial Kyoto data analysis and to analyse, for example, time of day effects. Furthermore, we aim to fuse the GTP data with other data from Kyoto. Part of the obtained funding we have used to purchase mobile spatial statistics of Kyoto that provide us information as to the distribution of Kyoto’s population within the city. We suggest that together with the GTP data we can obtain “an activity origin-destination matrix. We are further considering specific transport planning applications, such as exploring the tour patterns of tourists using the GTP data and then estimating the demand for new transport schemes such as shared bicycles and scooters. This has been the topic of a new Kaken proposal.