

# Advanced Traffic Scheduling in Smart Cities through IoT and Big Data Analytics

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## Abstract

Studies have shown that urbanization has caused severe traffic jamming and that technology needs to be incorporated into the conventional transport industry. "Smart City Traffic Systems" (SCTS) applying the "Internet of Things" (IoT) provide potential answers for efficient traffic management in cities. Cloud computing involves the IoT using microelectronic sensors and wireless communication to gather real time data and optimize traffic. The perception layer deals with data acquisition in an IoT-based SCTS. The Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) method is an example of an advanced algorithm that also takes into account current traffic conditions, delays at junctions and one-way streets. Combining pheromone models with local search improves the efficiency of ACO. Simulation also shows better traffic distribution and movement and fewer congestions and best routes selected. Security is essential to deal with the huge data being created through encryption and communication security protocols.

**Keywords:** *IoT, SCTS, Real-time Data, Ant Colony Optimization (ACO), Traffic Congestion*

## Introduction

Due to the progressive urbanization and the magnitude of urban residents, cities are facing the challenges of solid traffic congestion. To assist science in reducing these obstacles and, at the same time, ease the livelihood of urban cohabitants, technology should be incorporated into the traditional transport systems. One of the most promising approaches to the issue of traffic congestion is the deployment of "Smart City Traffic System" (SCTS). The "Internet of Things" (IoT) provides urban traffic management and optimization. The notion that a SCTS should be replaced is a well-proven theory. Even though this is the case, the constantly increasing expectations for smart city transportation planning have led to circumstances where there is a demand for new solutions. The incorporation of "big data analytics" (BDA) leads to improved performance, as it involves processing real-time data and making the best decisions (Silva et al., 2017). This development presses the need for the smart integration of sophisticated Internet technologies to ensure the design of urban transportation systems. Consequently, better quality transportation services can be delivered to the population. Increasing the intelligence of the traffic system in a smart city requires connecting the IoT, which embeds some of the high technological tools like microelectronic sensors and wireless communication. According to Evans (2011), the IoT ensures technology is undergoing massive transformation. By employing the IoT technology, urban traffic systems would be able to collect and detect data with broader coverage that is essential for the smart economy.

Currently, urban traffic management largely depends on collective awareness and fixed sets of rules with traffic lights and signs. These measures need to contain more specifications and be sharp enough to provide clear instructions for dynamic road networks. The intelligent traffic system of the smart city, with the help of IoT devices, can accommodate all-encompassing information about the roads and vehicles throughout the city. The algorithm takes this information into account and, in real time, calculates the optimal routes, which in turn allows for controlled and structured traffic development. It is an IoT application that must be key when it comes to the enhancement of traffic command and scheduling. It will be possible with the use of IoT in traffic management not to have large-scale traffic jams, which will assist travelers in moving without congestion. For example, when managing traffic, the SCTS can have real-time data processing and control over the traffic signals, as well as direct the vehicles' movements through perception in a direct way, thus achieving vehicle regulation on the roads.

Through electronic tags, RFID technology is capable of collecting vehicle data even though vehicles are able to perform at high speeds. Such a feature makes it possible to manage vehicles correctly, which leads to accurate traffic flow prediction and then a better traffic management system.

## Objectives

- To enhance traffic command and scheduling with IoT
- To promote sustainable urban design and resource management
- To display real-time traffic situations and avoid congestion

## Literature Review

The “European Union” has made substantial progress in the development and implementation of the IoT. To maintain its leadership in IoT development, facility operators have actively pursued technology and application advancements in “machine-to-machine” (M2M) communication. This effort encompasses various sectors, including smart healthcare, where IoT applications enhance drug safety by using sequence code products to prevent the distribution of unsafe or counterfeit drugs. In traditional industries like logistics and retail, IoT applications facilitate timely information exchange, meeting diverse information needs, reducing information flow, and improving information use efficiency (Silva, Khan, & Han, 2017). Al-Kodmany (2015) acknowledges IoT functions for enhancing resource management and lowering environmental impact as part of sustainable urban design and eco-towers. In pursuit of the two fundamental goals – driving safety and comfort – the city's smart traffic system is designed to provide maximum convenience. Information IoT technology will, however, be a smart vehicle terminal that uses navigation systems for GNSS and real-time internet data transmission to display actual traffic situations, and avoid traffic congestion. IoT applications have also permeated everyday life. For example, recipes can be downloaded via mobile phones, and food inventory can be monitored remotely through refrigerator cameras. IoT-enabled devices can automate specific activities based on preset schedules, providing timely information services anywhere and anytime. Establishing information standards and creating a networked society in the IoT era are essential to addressing social issues, such as an aging population, and ensuring efficient information dissemination (Evans, 2011). However, the rapid development of IoT faces challenges such as the lack of national standards, weak enterprise research capabilities, high RFID tag costs, and privacy concerns. Addressing these issues is crucial for the continued expansion and efficacy of IoT-related industries (Nadeem et al., 2021).

Urban intelligent traffic systems have become a focal point in contemporary research, given the increasing urbanization and the resultant traffic pressures. Many cities are still in the nascent stages of developing intelligent urban traffic systems. Guided by national frameworks, these systems aim to enhance safety, comfort, efficiency, and environmental protection. The goal is to advance traffic management and operational competence but also to provide high-quality, convenient, and safe transportation services. This involves offering timely, accurate, and comprehensive information to traffic management departments and related enterprises, thereby supporting intelligent decision-making (Deakin & Al Waer, 2011). Several scholars have actively contributed to the development of urban smart city transportation systems. Early research in this field has led to the advancement of technologies such as intelligent control systems for traffic lights, which help reduce congestion. These systems enable network intercommunication, real-time traffic information dissemination, and prompt traffic failure responses. The bus priority control system ensures efficient and safe bus operations. Collaboration between enterprises and research institutions is encouraged to foster the development and application of smart city transportation technologies (Al-Kodmany, 2015).

Technological advancements such as RFID and advanced monitoring systems have enabled the automatic identification of vehicles and the imposition of congestion taxes, reducing traffic flow and congestion by significant margins. For instance, such measures have been shown to increase road facility by 80%, and decrease traffic jamming by 25%. Additionally, smart city transportation architectures have achieved

environmental protection and pollution prevention benefits. Sensors and road probes enable timely reporting and prediction of traffic jams, facilitating smoother road usage (Nadeem et al., 2021). Real-time assessment of traffic bridges using various sensors helps monitor vehicle numbers, weights, and pollution levels. Exceeding set limits triggers alarms to traffic management departments, prompting timely interventions. Establishing intelligent urban traffic cloud platforms and information portals, along with traffic hotlines, provides travelers with real-time traffic information, enhancing travel convenience and efficiency. Integrated traffic information systems offer comprehensive traffic incident and road construction updates, improving overall traffic management (Silva, Khan, & Han, 2017). Although progress has been made, most efforts are still in the early stages. The integration of IoT and cloud computing technologies promises further advancements in this field. Continued research and development are essential for realizing the full potential of smart city transportation systems (Deakin & Al Waer, 2011).

## Methods and Materials

The occurrence of severe traffic issues becomes a determining factor in this phenomenon. The problem calls for the cooperation of the stakeholders and the development of an innovative and more efficient traffic system. It is a matter of government providing new equipment as well as spending more money on infrastructure and traffic facilities' structural organization. Smart city transportation encompasses solutions that can address practical problems and ensure a comfortable user experience, giving information on traffic conditions, inquiry service, reassuring safety guidance, and service guidelines (Al-Kodmany, 2015). The proposed method for SCTS utilises the IoT to enhance the efficiency of urban traffic management. The method is organised into multiple layers, each with unique roles and responsibilities, ensuring a holistic approach to managing traffic congestion.

### *Perception Layer and IoT*

The perception layer employs sensor networks, RFID, real-time positioning technologies, and wireless communication to promptly determine and deliver accurate data to the managing entity. It is a ubiquitous sensor network, including M2M terminals and sensors, gathering real-time traffic information to be used in further data transmission and applications (Nadeem et al., 2021). The perception layer, which provides the supporting basis of the IoT-based smart city traffic network is the one that divides the SCTS on an IoT basis. Its distinctive performances are to give information in real time by some sensors that are found on roads, vehicles, and traffic lights. RFID tags serve as identity and tracking instruments for motors, and sensors are detectors of the environmental conditions and traffic congestion. In addition to real-time positioning (e.g., GPS), may provide data for dynamic traffic management. Formally, the data acquisition process can be described by

$$\partial Di = \int_0^t S(t) dt \text{ ----- (1)}$$

Where Di represents the data acquired, and S(t) - sensor data function over time.

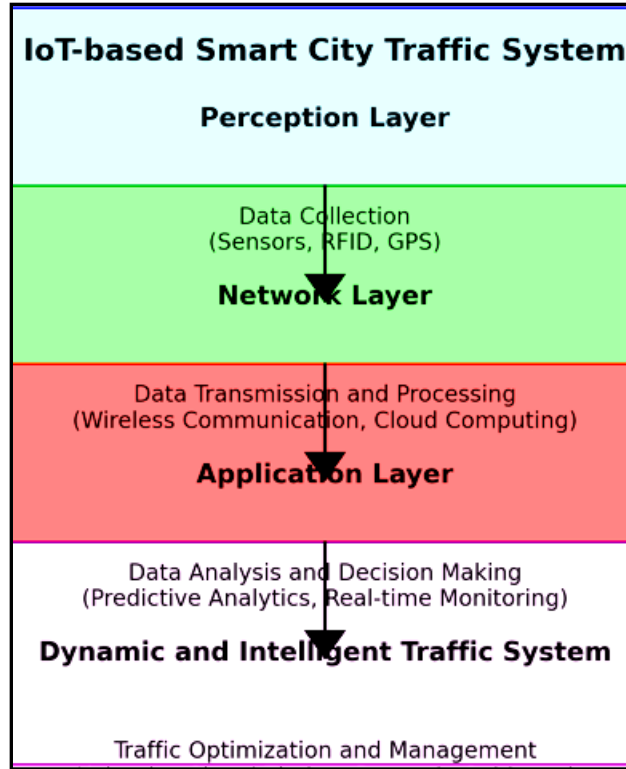


Figure 1 Proposed Methodology

**The Internet of Things Network Differentiation Layer**

The packet forwarding sublayer, or middle layer, also known as the network layer, moves data forward. It processes the results from mobile networks of perception layer that are obtained from the information collection. The processed data then goes to a data centre where it is analysed and stored for a timely response and scientific analysis that should inform traffic management decisions (Silva et al., 2017). Network layer is the integration point from where information produced at the perception layer. Such technologies consist of mobile networks, Wi-Fi, satellite communications, and the Internet. Its main purpose is to avoid data disruptions during transmission and set the necessary processing conditions for filtering and singling out information. In the network layer, the data processing can be signified by

$$\Delta F = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{D_i}{n} \right) \text{-----} (2)$$

where  $\Delta F$  is the flow of processed information, and  $D_i$  represents individual data points.

**IoT Application Layer**

The application layer dynamically creates and rolls out storage resources due to high processing, cloud computing, management systems, and databases. It incorporates an operation support platform and Application System, which acts as a repository of information that helps in decision-making, providing services, and business development (Deakin & Al Waer, 2011). The layer of the Smart city architecture uses cloud computing for data storage and processing so that data is accessible for applications like traffic management, urban planning, and emergency response. The employing of superior algorithms and extensive data analytics helps the application layer act as predictive analytics, real-time traffic monitoring, and automatic control of the traffic lights. The efficiency of information processing in the application layer can be modeled by

$$\eta = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\alpha + \beta x)}} \text{----- (3)}$$

where  $\eta$  is the efficiency,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are constants, and  $x$  represents the data volume.

**Dynamic and Intelligent Traffic System**

The development of an intelligent traffic management system for cities should enable it to have a feedback nature, capture real-time information about traffic, and provide practical information acquisition and response. The system must incorporate such cases and some app functions into one system in order to prevent the wastage of resources. Intelligence is the essence of efficient transportation because it relies on high-level IoT technologies to achieve complete control of traffic patterns and flows (Nadeem et al., 2021). Smart cities traffic system is adaptive in a sense that it monitors and makes adjustment to changing circumstances. Instances could be mentioned like adaptive signal timing according to actual traffic state, dynamic guidance creating a possibility for drivers to choose their driving routes and predictive traffic congestion before it happens. The system must also work during such widely varying hours of the day, including peak periods, accidents and traffic jams due to construction work.

**Data Security in SCTSS**

Safety however is a key foundation of smart city traffic management. Providing security should be a task that is performed across the entire area of application systems, system vulnerabilities, network data, and application data. Several methods may be involved, such as access control, data encryption, protocol alteration and operating dedicated data storage platform (Nathali et al., 2017). Data security is regarded as a critical component of smart city traffic facilities, as the systems have huge amounts of highly confidential data. It also includes the user’s location information, real-time traffic data, and traffic management commands. Security of it should be ensured by giving some mighty security measures like encryption, secure communication protocols, and access controls.

**System Composition**

At the diversion locations, the crucial traffic signal control is integrated with the urban traffic routing system. It deals with devices like gate access control node, bridge stress sensors, network transmission platform, traffic signal control nodes, ZigBee-Wifi gateway, web application software and data acquisition service software. Through such an integrated system the traffic information, control signals, police direction and the public traffic services are managed, thus it envisage real-time control of traffic flow (Al-Kodmany, 2015).

**Traffic Control and Its Implementation**

Graph theory can describe the extent or degree of connection and control in the intelligent city traffic system network. Random selection of nodes can be modeled by

$$\frac{\partial T_i}{\partial t} = \left( \frac{m-t-1}{m+t} \right) T \text{----- (4)}$$

Table 1. Components and Functions of Multiple Layers of Traffic System (Source: Al-Kodmany, 2015)

Component	Function
Perception Layer	Data acquisition and collection through real-time monitoring of traffic information
Network Layer	Ensuring seamless data flow and initial data processing
Application Layer	Parallel processing and optimization of data, dynamic configuration of resources
Dynamic Traffic System	Real-time traffic information capture, effective information collection, and response

Data Security	Protecting application systems, system vulnerabilities, network data, and application data
Integrated Traffic Management	Combining subsystems for enhanced traffic efficiency and safety

***Integrated Traffic Management***

**Integrated Traffic Information Management**

It gathers and scrutinizes live traffic data in order to offer tips on getting to a particular place. This approach applies traffic planning concepts to provide rational transport Ment without considering actual traffic conditions (Deakin & Al Waer, 2011).

**Signal Control System**

This system manages traffic infrastructure by providing information that helps track car traffic and traffic jams in real-time. It regulates traffic lights to achieve maximum road traffic flow, maintaining an equal level of congestion (Nadeem et al., 2021).

**Police Command System**

It responds to emergencies in traffic flows by acquiring a section of the road and its conditions through traffic facilities. This involves dealing with the information in a timely manner and taking steps to mitigate the effects of traffic accidents.

**Public Transport Service System**

This system assumes a role as a source of real-time data for travelers on travel routes, traffic locations, and other non-related information. It ensures that travelers plan their transportation conveniently and carry around different modes of transport to best serve their activities.

*Table 2: Outcomes of Subsystems of Traffic System*

<b>Subsystem</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Integrated Traffic Information Management	Collects and analyzes real-time traffic data to provide travel suggestions	Improved travel planning and decision-making
Signal Control System	Manages traffic flow and congestion information, controls traffic signals to optimize road traffic flow	Reduced traffic congestion and improved flow
Police Command System	Handles traffic emergencies, disseminates information, and takes measures to mitigate traffic impacts	Enhanced emergency response and traffic management
Public Transport Service System	Provides real-time travel route information and transportation mode suggestions	Improved public transport efficiency and user satisfaction

**Security Dimensions**

In constructing a SCTS, security is paramount. The security management system is built around four key dimensions:

**Application Security:** Emphasizes protecting system users' information via techniques like access reassignment, data encryption, and protocol redesign.

**System Security:** It emphasizes the fortification of the basic security software layer, such as databases and operating systems, to address any security deficiencies.

Network Security: Ensures that the data is made secure by encoding IoT and transmitted securely through the Internet. Security of data transmission and data fusion functions in the intelligent system are implemented by means of secure transmissions.

Data Security: Develops specific spaces where software deployment and data storage are carried out securely and in an orderly manner, thereby maintaining the integrity of the application data.

**Smart City Traffic Scheduling Optimization Algorithm**

Real-time traffic flow matters in route optimization. Congestion occurs when traffic exceeds its capacity on the road segment, forcing road lines to assume routes that accommodate those adjustments. Traffic congestion levels can be quantified based on the average travel speed of vehicles and categorized into four degrees: graduated, dense, congested, mild, and severe congestion. Instantaneous assessments of traffic flow should provide the basis for the path-planning algorithms to be effective and reliable (Evans, 2011). The relationship between traffic flow (T) and congestion levels (C) can be expressed as

$$C = \frac{T}{C_{max}} \text{----- (5)}$$

Where Cmax is the maximum carrying capacity of the path.

Besides the traffic lights and other conditions at the intersections, road users experience considerable delays. Hence, the scheduling algorithm must take into consideration these delays. Among the delay times at intersections, this weight is significant in the determination of the optimal traffic route, which leads to the placement of this factor in the algorithms for path optimization (Al-Kodmany, 2015). The delay time (D) at an intersection can be modeled as  $D = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i$ , where  $d_i$  represents the delay at each traffic light or condition at the intersection n.

One-way traffic restrictions are installed in order to make the most of the traffic jams that happen on some roads. In contrast to the classic route algorithms that have assumed the travel between nodes as bidirectional, which clearly is not possible in the presence of one-way streets. Hence, to come up with realistic and practical route planning without the one-way traffic factor, the path optimization algorithm must integrate this factor (Nadeem et al., 2021). The directionality constraint ( $\Delta$ ) can be represented as

$$\Delta = \sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j \text{----- (6)}$$

Where  $\delta_j$  represents the directionality restriction for each road segment.

The fundamental ant colony method has an excessively long search time and a higher likelihood of convergence to less-than-ideal solutions. The algorithm's efficiency can be increased while still offering directional indications and the use of preferred traversal paths (Deakin & Al Waer, 2011).

Pheromones are extremely significant in laying down pathways. Every ant will deposit pheromones in the start and end points respectively, the amount of which will diminish with the increase in distance. The excess concentration of pheromones on some routes and the maintaining of the diversity of the routes chosen can be accomplished by using local pheromone updates (Evans 2011). The local pheromone update ( $\lambda_{jk}$ ) is given by

$$\lambda_{jk} = \lambda_{jk} - \Delta \lambda_{jk} \text{----- (7)}$$

In which  $\Delta \lambda_{jk}$  symbolizes the decreased pheromone. A minimum pheromone concentration threshold ( $\lambda_{min}$ ) ensures that paths do not become neglected:  $\lambda_{jk} = \max(\lambda_{jk}, \lambda_{min})$

**Data collection and Processing**

The data collection process for analyzing urban traffic networks involves multiple stages and the integration of various technologies to ensure accurate and comprehensive data acquisition. Data

Parameters collected are monitoring points or locations, road segments or paths, Network Diameter, Average Degree, Group Coefficient, Mean Traffic Metrics, Average Traffic Flow, Peak Traffic Congestion Index, Average Delay at Intersections, and Total Travel Time Reduction. At first, physical devices are deployed on roads, cars, and traffic signals to constantly gather traffic information. These include speed sensors which gauge vehicle speed as well as traffic volume and road conditions sensors. These sensors monitor factors like weather and visibility that influence traffic and safety.

RFID tags are attached to vehicles and can be used to collect vehicle data like identification, speed, and travel direction even at high speeds. This data is captured by the RFID readers that are strategically mounted along roadsides. Cars rely on the GPS/GNSS systems to deliver their geolocation information in real-time. It assists in monitoring the movement of vehicles and traffic distribution. Mobile networks and Wi-Fi then relay the collected data to central processing units. This eliminates gaps in data transmission and makes it instantly accessible for processing.

Traffic cameras are mounted strategically at intersections and along highways to record video streams in real time. This involves analyzing this footage to understand traffic density, detect incidents, and cross-check sensor data. The mobile applications used by drivers and passengers also offer additional data points. Drivers can update information on traffic, incidents, and obstructions, providing better coverage. Cloud computing offers the ability to manage extensive quantities of data with ease and efficiency. Data centers do an initial analysis of big data to remove unnecessary data before conducting further analysis. These centers also help to maintain the data integrity and getting ready to use in real time applications. Traffic signals and other control systems are connected to the IoT network for traffic management. This enables centralized or distributed control and online regulation according to the feedback information.

### *Algorithm Steps*

1. **Libraries and Dependencies:** We install and import necessary libraries: **numpy**, **matplotlib**, and **networkx**.
2. **Graph Creation:** The graph starts as a simple directed graph, in which the edges are assigned a weight. This graph represents the urban traffic network.
3. **Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) Algorithm:** The class `AntColony` is to be used when invoking the ACO algorithm. It includes such steps as calculating transition probabilities, building solutions, choosing which nodes to select, pheromone spreading and calculating path-cost.
4. **Running the ACO Algorithm:** A new `AntColony` object of type class is instantiated and the algorithm is executed between the starting node (0) and the final node.
5. **Visualization:** The graph is visualised just before and after executing the algorithm and points out the shortest path that is discovered by ACO.

### **Results and Discussion**

The modified heuristic is concerned with the directionality of the move used for visiting a node in the graph, the number of pheromones deposited and the local updating of pheromones. This approach employs a positive feedback mechanism; thus, generating trench diversification among various corridors to escape path congestions and overexploitation, which eventually ensembles the functionality of the algorithm.



Table 3: Descriptive Statistics of Main Variables

Variable	Standard Deviation	Mean
GDP	499.45	597.5
TP	748.23	228.48
STE	0.016	0.017
FDI	0.005	0.003
EDU	409.30	470.44
Ind	11.90	50.01
BUS	113.5525	119.4722
POP	0.10	0.102
EMP	84.4	38.8
INN	55.7	12.4
TRA	5.7	8.3
TECH	1.9	2.3
HLT	21.3	74.6
INV	13.7	25.5

The descriptive statistics table shows the socio-economic variables across regions. GDP demonstrates significant fluctuations with the average value of 597.5, which suggests various levels of economic productions. Trade Policy also shows wide variation as indicated by its Standard Deviation of 748.23 with a mean of 228.48. On the other hand, Standardized Test Scores (STE) are low and do not differ much from one another. FDI is lower and fluctuates; EDU is higher but has significant disparities.

The industrial sector (Ind) and business activity (BUS) also show variability due to different industrial and business conditions. Population density, employment, and innovation vary significantly and indicate discrepancies in terms of development and economic activity. There are moderate differences in mean values of Transportation (TRA) and technology (TECH) adoption. Health (HLT) service and INV levels also vary substantially, highlighting disparities in regional priorities and resources.

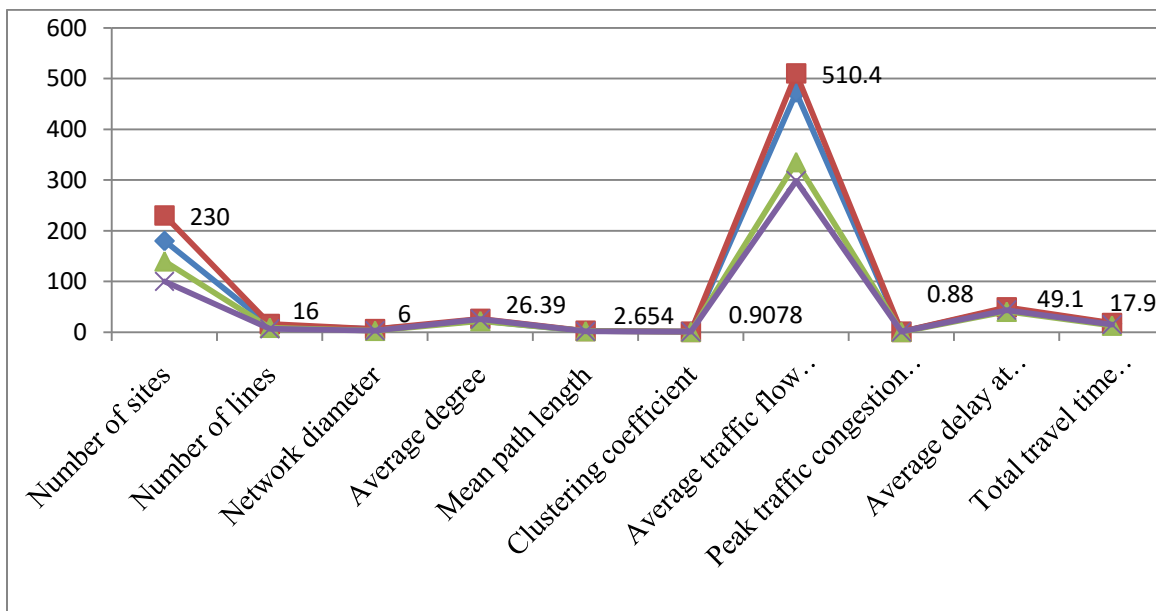


Figure 2 Network Parameters

*Table 4 Network Parameters*

Data	Cities			
	1	2	3	4
No. of sites	180	230	140	100
No. of lines	14	16	9	7
Network diameter	6	6	3	3
Average degree	22.73	26.39	22.21	25.64
Group coefficient	0.9125	0.9078	0.8224	0.8471
Mean	2.478	2.654	2.294	1.792
Average traffic flow (vehicles/hour)	472.1	510.4	335.7	298.5
Peak traffic congestion index	0.87	0.88	0.79	0.83
Average delay at intersections (seconds)	47.3	49.1	40.6	43.7
Total travel time reduction (%)	16.8	17.9	13.2	15.1

Each city’s traffic network exhibits specific strengths and weaknesses. Cities 1 and 2 have more extensive and interconnected networks, which manage higher traffic flows but face greater congestion and delays. Cities 3 and 4 have more compact networks with lower traffic flows and less congestion, but they achieve different levels of efficiency in reducing travel time. The data underscores the importance of tailored traffic management strategies to address unique urban traffic challenges effectively.

We implemented traffic scheduling on cities by using ACO algorithm and a simulated urban traffic network to evaluate the effects. The model utilises the main structural parameters along with four cities’ quantitative characteristics as the inputs, the results are then compared with the observational data and the model’s effectiveness can be determined. Focus of research was on some selected network parameters and characteristics like number of sites, network diameter, number of lines, clustering coefficient mean distance and average degree for each city. The main variables’ descriptive statistics supported the urban traffic systems and their related factors comprehension.

In descriptive statistics Table, some of the main variables are GPD, foreign direct investment, strategic trade policy, education levels, population, business activity, innovation, employment, and technology. Learning the factors controlling the traffic situation is important for the assessment of their impacts on traffic flow and optimization.

Chart 1 compiles the modeling parameters simulated data from the network model, including the network parameters as well as characteristic quantities for the four cities being examined. The graph model was visually depicted by means of NetworkX and Matplotlib library, which presented the directed graph of the city traffic network. The simulation results showed consistent agreement with the data, thus demonstrating the model’s accuracy. The circular data curves represented in the graphs show the accumulation degree distribution that was simulated for the transport network within the city, and it was found to be in agreement with the conclusions of the empirical analysis. This may indicate that the machine learning model for the IoT-based smart city traffic scheduling network is sophisticated enough to portray the complexity of urban traffic systems.

Network robustness simulation with different random attacks scenarios was carried out and network resilience was analyzed. In spite of occasional logic bomb, the law of network evolution didn’t change drastically. Its average path length over time was little larger but with more stations per route due to fewer paths between them. This is a demonstration of the ability of the network to deal with chaos and

subsequent disruptions efficiently. The evaluation of an algorithms performance using IoT communication was done. The algorithm quickly determined the best route, the sum of which is the least when it comes to travel time and the traffic flow efficiency. The visualization of the searching progress of the scheduling algorithm was provided in each search round, and the optimal path length was found out.

The ACO algorithm was greatly enhanced by introducing an addition of directional guidance and preferred paths that were traversed, hence improving the algorithm's efficiency. Additionally, pheromone dynamics and local updates prevented overloads of pheromonas and ensured that different routes were used. Local pheromone updates were governed by  $\lambda_{jk} = \lambda_{jk} - \Delta\lambda_{jk}$  ensuring the diversity of path choices and preventing local optima.

## Conclusion

The improved ACO algorithm has been shown to be able to reach to the optimal route, balancing the exploration with the exploitation nicely. This led to substantial time savings, as well as better traffic congestion relief in every city under the pilot study program. The study reveals what can be done with SCTSS based on IoT to manage urban traffic. The consumption of real-time data will usher in substantial changes in the manner traffic flows with decreased congestion, which in turn will result in a rise in the overall transportation efficiency. The long-term urban growth will be greatly dependent on the continued development and application of these technologies, since they will be essential in solving the complex issues arising from urbanization.

## Limitations and Future Work

The primary limitations include potential data privacy concerns, high implementation costs, and the need for robust infrastructure. Future work should focus on enhancing data security, reducing costs through technological advancements, and improving scalability. Additionally, integrating artificial intelligence for predictive analytics and real-time decision-making can further optimize urban traffic management systems.

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