

Simulation of Improved Hybrid Petri Nets Intersection Model Considering Traffic Distribution

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Abstract: Traffic Control System in an intersection is a basis for management of urban traffic area system in particular traffic safety gain more attention now a days. This study proposed a new hybrid petri nets structure at the intersection to model red-light violation, yellow-light and green-light running in a two one-way intersection. Model is simulated using simHPN toolbox. The main advantage of a hybrid petri nets under simHPN is to utilize a different type of traffic characteristics such as macroscopic and microscopic behaviour and vehicle probability distribution random variable in case of red-light violation, yellow-light and green-light running. The random variables are obtained through a traffic count survey and analyze using Kolmogorov-Smirnov hypothesis test.

Key words: Hybrid petri nets, vehicle probability distribution, simHPN, traffic safety, Indonesia

INTRODUCTION

Modeling and simulation of traffic control system in an intersection are the basic for the management of urban traffic area system. The traffic light arrangements are used to control the intersection, however the traffic flow can be influenced through driver information/guidance. In general, Petri Nets (PN) are tools for a research on control modeling for urban traffic network. Researchers are focused on Vehicular Model, Roadlink Model and Intersection Model (Ramli and Harjono, 2011). Vehicular Interaction Modeling on the road has been investigated using colored PN (Hubner and Schnieder, 2010). Continuous PN (Tolba *et al.*, 2005) are used to model a roadlink. Speed control mechanism in a highway roadlink has been studied using a batches PN (Demongodin, 2009).

Research on traffic signal control model at the intersection are investigated using PN (List and Cetin, 2004) on bus path routing using Colored Timed PN (Dotoli and Fanti, 2004) on macroscopic and microscopic behaviour using First Order Hybrid PN (Dotoli *et al.*, 2008) on model predictive control using continuous PN (Julvez and Boel, 2010) on special vehicle priorities using Hybrid PN (Febbraro *et al.*, 2004) on platoons of vehicles model using Hybrid PN (Vazquez *et al.*, 2010). PN modelling for traffic safety at the intersection between roadway and railroad is examined using Stochastic PN (Ghazel, 2009).

Extended research on intersection model are towards modeling of red, yellow and green-light running of vehicles using deterministic stochastic timed PN. The probability of vehicles passing green, yellow and red signal of traffic lights is provided by a certain weight of the immediate transition (Farha and Schnieder, 2009). In other chases, the arrivals and departures probability of vehicles is assumed to follow a poisson (Comert and Cetin, 2011) and exponentially (Vazquez *et al.*, 2010) distributed random variable.

The probability distribution of empirical data for red-light violation, yellow-light and green-light running can be discovered using Kolmogorov-Smirnov hypothesis testing (KS-test). KS-test are already used to examined the statistical characteristics of acoustic channel (Zhang *et al.*, 2010). A detailed illustration of KS-test are shown in chemical experiments (Young, 1977). KS-test is a method to indicate the probability density function of data in comparison to statistical reference function such as: normal, uniform, exponential and poisson. The result can be used to make statistical hypothesis. If null hypothesis statement is retained than the empirical data pdf is the same as the statistical reference function (Montgomery, 2009). Confidence level of the KS-test result is characterized by the significance level α . The default value for α is 5% and for the case of one-sided α is set to 0.025.

A Red-Light Running (RLR) research has been conducted over a decade in terms of traffic safety. The

driver behaviours of RLR violators has been investigated (Porter and England, 2000). Daily fluctuation of RLR on hourly basis with linear regression analysis is examined under various condition such as Average Daily Traffic (ADT), number of approach lanes, speed limits, number of cross lanes and distance of preceding and following intersections (Hill and Lindly, 2003). RLR empirical study based on speed, distance parameters and headway is explored extensively with the aims to avoid the intersection collision (Zhang *et al.*, 2008, 2012; Wang *et al.*, 2009). In this case, the probability of RLR vehicles enters the dilemma zones with a certain speed is obtained and evaluated using Autoscope camera. A RFID based modelling and simulation for RLR using scilab has been investigated (Iswanono *et al.*, 2010). This study has two main goals:

- Proposed a new hybrid petri nets structure at the intersection to model red-light violation, yellow-light and green-light running in a two oneway intersection. Simulation of the model is running under simHPN toolbox (Julvez *et al.*, 2012). The enhanced simHPN toolbox is capable to model a different types of vehicle probability distribution random variable that appear during arrivals and departure of vehicles at intersection
- Obtain random variables for the enhanced simHPN toolbox through traffic count survey for each cycle time of traffic lights during normal traffic condition. Traffic count data are analyzed using Kolmogorov-Smirnov hypothesis test

Literature review

Timed hybrid petri nets: Petri nets is a mathematische formalism and tools to describe the behaviour of discrete event system, see (Murata, 1989) for an introduction. State of the art of PN modelling in a real system leads to a discrete, hybrid and continuous structure (Silva *et al.*, 2011).

In the case of traffic systems a timed Hybrid Petri Net class is used (Julvez *et al.*, 2012). Its a system of a tuple, $(N, m_0, \text{Type}, \lambda)$ where, $N = (P, T, \text{Pre}, \text{Post})$ built the net structure with set of places P, set of transitions T, incidence matriks and initial marking. Type: $T \rightarrow \{\text{id}, \text{pd}, \text{dd}, \text{ic}, \text{pc}\}$ formalize the time semantics of transitions and $\lambda: T \rightarrow R_{>0}$, it shows a real number parameter coresponding to its semantics. The type abbreviation id is for discrete infinite server semantics; pd for discrete product server semantics, dd deterministic delay; ic for continuous infinite server semantics and pc for continuous product server semantics.

The marking evolution of PN structure is dependant on firing sequence of transitions. The enabling degree of a transitions is $\text{enab}(t_j, m) = \min_{p_i \in t_j} \lfloor m_i / \text{pre}(p_i, t_j) \rfloor$. A transitions t_j is enabled at m iff $\text{enab}(t_j, m) > 0$ and firing in any positive amount α , where $\alpha \leq \text{enab}(t_j, m)$. The firing leads to a new marking $m' = m + \alpha \cdot C(t_j)$ where, $C = \text{Post-Pre}$ is a token flow matrix. Marking evolution depending on time for timed hybrid PN is determined by $m(\tau) = m_0 + C \cdot \sigma(\tau)$ where, $\sigma(\tau)$ is the firing count vector at time τ .

Time delays for discrete transition are depends on Type T. In case of id the time delay of transition $t_j(m)$ is an exponentially distributed random variable with paramater $\theta = \lambda_j \cdot \text{enab}(t_j, m)$ where the integer enabling degree describe the number of active server of $t_j(m)$. Enabled transition time delay for type dd is intended to fire after $1/\lambda_j$ time units. The flow of a continuous transitions t_j (Type: ic) is depends on $f_j = \lambda_j \cdot \text{enab}(t_j, m) = \lambda_j \cdot \min_{p_i \in t_j} \lfloor m_i / \text{pre}(p_i, t_j) \rfloor$.

Conflict among discrete stochastic transitions (Type: id, pd) are solved by a race policy so that a transition with a smaller time delay will fire first. Conflicts among deterministic transitions (Type: dd) are solved by a step of rules, i.e., first a race policy and if the conflict is persist then randomly choosing is carried out.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Measurement and collection of data: Traffic counting aiming to measure the probability distribution of traffic flow in intersection were obtain at two intersections, located at the crossing between Jalan Kyai Haji Wahid Hasyim-Jalan Mohammad Husni Thamrin and Jalan Kebon Sirih-Jalan Mohammad Husni Thamrin, Jakarta Indonesia. The signalized intersections consists of 12-lanes and 4-lanes crossing road and equipped with an actuated traffic control system using historical data. The traffic lights are not equipped with automatic countdown timer. A right flow of vehicles are not permitted. Only the yellow light signal aspect is constant 2 sec.

The Traffic Counting (TC) is done for each cycle of traffic light signal aspect. The TC's are started from the stop line of the traffic lights and do not distinguish between the classification of vehicles. The data is observed in a normal traffic condition, therefore weekends, monday and busy hours are avoided.

Figure 1 shows the observed data for 12 lanes red-light violation as 12LaneRLR; 4-lanes red-light violation as 4LaneRLR; 12-lanes yellow-light running as 12LaneYLR and 4-lanes yellow-light running as 4LaneYLR. The highest outlier data in 12LaneRLR and 4LaneRLR are the number of no red-light violations (incidence 0). About 12LaneYLR and 4LaneYLR indicate

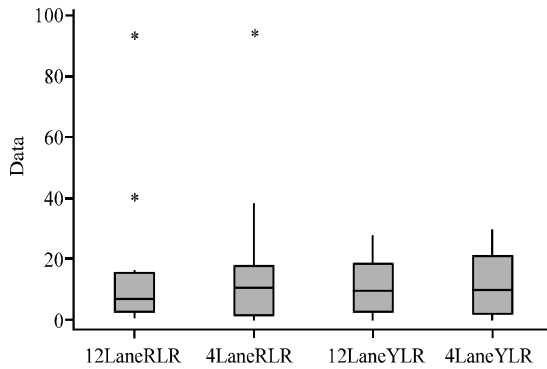


Fig. 1: Data observation result

that there is none of the vehicle stops during a yellow-after a green light signal aspect and there is no vehicle flow during the yellow-after a red light signal aspect. Whiskers range in 4lanesRLR is breiter than in 12 lane showing that the trends of RLR is greater in smaller lane crossing road.

Distribution analysis test: Analysis of the empirical data is carried out using Kolmogorov-Smirnov hypothesis test. The KS-test function is capable to test the empirical data distributions and the parameters of the hypothesized distributions (normal, exponential and poisson probability density function pdf). The significance level α (p-value) for a one tailed test is 0.025. The null hypothesis is rejected if $p < 0.025$. The Kolmogorov-Smirnov Z (K-S Z) is the largest difference (absolute value) between the observed and theoretical cumulative distribution functions.

In the case of red-light violation, the null probability distribution hypothesis are retained only for the normal and exponential pdf. The hypothesis of poisson pdf for a red-light violation distribution is rejected ($p < 0.025$). KS-Z result shows that exponential pdf is more appropriate distribution for a red-light violation than the normal pdf.

KS-test for the yellow-light running indicate that the empirical data are all retained the null hypothesis (normal, exponential and poisson pdf's). In this case, the poisson pdf can be used as a new candidate for the distribution of yellow-light running. Although, based on the KS-Z value it shown that a exponential pdf is more suitable. Generally, the KS-test result has shown that the distributions are not depends on the lane size to be cross and for all cases the empirical data have a normal distribution.

The p-value for Yellow Light Running (YLR) showing that a poisson distribution is retain null hypothesis as well as a normal and a exponential distribution. KS-Z analysis for YLR showing that a poisson distribution have a greater value difference between standard poisson and

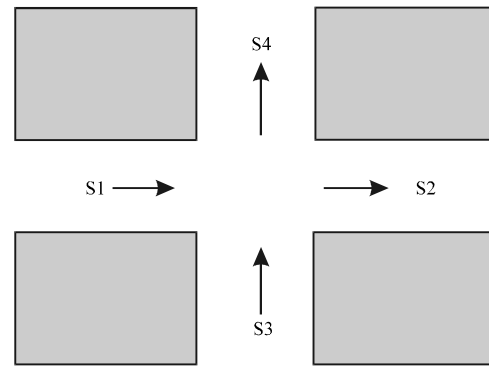


Fig. 2: A model of two one-way intersection

empirical value in contrast to normal and exponential distribution that have almost the similar value. However, analysis of critical point at zero for YLR showing that none of the vehicles is stopping during the yellow-light. The choosen pdf shall then start with incidence zero as zero as shown by a poisson distribution so that an exponential pdf is not preferable for this case. The green-light running is assumed has the same pdf as YLR due to the same behaviour that the vehicles is not stopping during green-light aspect and the red-light violation has a exponential pdf.

Intersection modelling

Modeling of traffic at intersection using hybrid petri nets: Based on earlier empirical data analysis we proposed a new structural petri nets model and simulation for a a signalized intersection of two one-way street in Fig. 2 capable for a red-light violation model based on exponential pdf, furthermore a yellow-light and a green-light running model based on poisson pdf using Hybrid Petri Nets (HPN). Basic definition for HPN used for the model are taken from the simHPN toolbox (Julvez *et al.*, 2012) running under MATLAB.

The incoming flows of vehicle into the intersection are modelled using continuous petri nets transitions. The model has a macroscopic behaviour that deal for each road segment with the parameters: average flow rate and vehicle density. Therefore, it is assumed in continuous model that the average flow rate is constant and the vehicle is homogeneously distributed in an intersection road segment. Upon entering the intersection, dynamic modeling of vehicles crossing the intersection require a microscopic model using discrete petri nets transitions that have a type of infinite server semantics capable for time delay based on exponential pdf or poisson pdf. A microscopic model deal with timed availability of road segments and vehicles. The intersection is controlled by a traffic lights with a specific cycle time which is discrete

and deterministically delay transition petri nets. The structure of petri nets for the desired intersection model altogether built then a hybrid petri nets.

Figure 3 shows the constant incoming flow rate λ_i through a continuous transition t_{ci} queuing in place p_i . Upon entering the intersection a discrete transition t_{di} is enabled through place p_i . The enabled infinite server semantics transition t_{di} will fire following an exponentially or poisson distributed random time delay with parameter $\lambda_i \cdot \text{enab}(t_{di}, m)$. The integer enabling $\text{enab}(t_{di}, m)$ of transition t_{di} showing the number of active server of t_{di} at marking m that departing place p_i and arriving in place p_{i+1} with a constant rate λ_i . The number of vehicles moving into the intersection road segment is the arrived number of active server that appear in place p_{i+1} . So that the number of vehicle in a red-light violation can be generated using exponential pdf, furthermore a yellow-light running and a green light flow using poisson pdf, respectively. Conflict between infinite server semantics discrete transitions are solved using racing policy, i.e., the firing priority of discrete transition in conflict is based on smaller time delay among them.

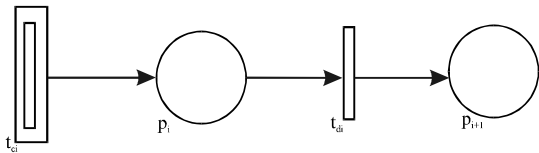


Fig. 3: Continuous to discrete transition

A new structure HPN Model for the signalized intersection with a red-light violation, yellow-light and green-light running model is shown in Fig. 4. The incoming flow into the intersection is modelled by a continuous petri nets $\{p_1^1, p_2^1\}$ and $\{t_1^1\}$. The flow of vehicles before crossing the intersection is modelled through the continuous transitions $\{t_2^1$ or t_3^1 or $t_4^1\}$. The $\{t_2^1, t_3^1, t_4^1\}$ are dedicated for vehicles running green-light, yellow-light or red-light violation, respectively. Each of these continuous transition is enabled, depends on the corresponding traffic light signal aspect in place $\{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$. Places $\{p_3^1, p_4^1, p_5^1\}$ are the queueing vehicles before entering the intersection and leaving transitions $\{t_2^1, t_3^1, t_4^1\}$, respectively. The vehicle generation upon entering the intersection are follows through a discrete transition with the type of infinite server semantics $\{t_5^1$ or t_6^1 or $t_7^1\}$ that has been enabled by $\{p_r\}$ and $\{p_3^1, p_4^1$ or $p_5^1\}$. $\{p_r\}$ represent the availability of the shared road segment at the intersection and has a constant maximal number of marking m_r . The value of marking m_r is depends on the size of intersection in this case is set to 8. $\{p_r\}$ connected to all transition transition if the segment is available. If a vehicle crossing the intersection, then number of m_r reduced. After vehicles leaving the intersection, the number of m_r increase back through transitions $\{t_8^1$ or $t_8^2\}$. The firing sequence coming through $\{t_5^1\}$ or $\{t_6^1$ or $t_7^1\}$ has an exponential or poisson probability distribution time delay function characteristics, respectively.

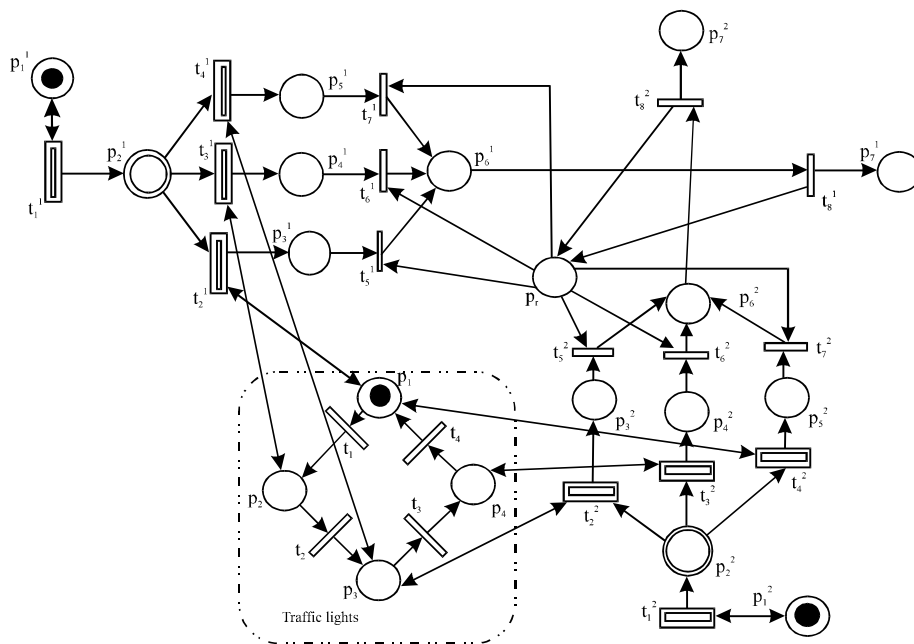


Fig. 4: HPN Model for signalized intersection

The generated vehicles coming into the intersection are placed $\{p_6^1\}$ as a discrete petri nets. The accumulation of vehicles leaving the intersection, can be seen in $\{p_7^1\}$.

The structure $\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$ and $\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4\}$ built a Traffic Lights (TL) Model. The places are enabling the flow of traffic. A marking in $\{p_1\}$ enabled the green light for queue $\{p_2^1\}$ and vehicle flow through $\{t_2^1\}$, however its enabled the red light for queue $\{p_2^2\}$ and violation flow through $\{t_4^2\}$. The type of TL Transition Model is deterministic delay and describe the traffic phase. Places $\{p_2, p_4\}$ illustrated the yellow light.

The HPN structure p_x^2 and t_x^2 showing the model of traffic for the second one-way street from road segment S3 to S4 in the same way as the structure node with a subscript 1. Conflicts occurs between vehicles from green-light running $\{t_2^x\}$ and red-light violation $\{t_4^x\}$ are solved by a racing policy. The discrete transition with a smaller time delay will fire first.

Time delay time setting for $\{t_1^1, t_2^1, t_3^1, t_4^1\}$ are (0.5; 1; 0.6; 0.2) sec, for $\{t_1^2, t_2^2, t_3^2, t_4^2\}$ are (0.5; 1; 0.4; 0.1)s, for $\{t_5^1, t_6^1, t_7^1, t_8^1, t_5^2, t_6^2, t_7^2, t_8^2\}$ are (1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 1) sec and the deterministic delay for the TL $\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4\}$ are (20, 5, 20, 5) sec.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Enhancement of the procedure Update clocks in Algorithm 1 (Julvez *et al.*, 2012) shown in Fig. 5 is necessary to accommodate a discrete transition under infinite server semantics with a time delay based on poisson besides exponential probabilistic density characteristics. This leads to a new type of infinite server semantics, i.e., id (poisson) besides the previous id (exponential). The variable clocks describe the internal firing time schedule for each the discrete transition. Variable S represent a set of all enabled transition.

Figure 6 shows the marking evolution of m2 (m9) corresponds to macroscopic, queue dynamics of vehicles in p_2^1 (p_2^2), respectively. Besides, the marking m6 illustrate the discrete dynamic of vehicles entering the intersections in the direction S1-S2. In this simulation m16 showing the green phase of the traffic light for m2.

Figure 7 simulate the generated vehicle through green-light, yellow-light running and red-light violation represent by m6. The marking m7 showing the accumulation of vehicle leaving the intersection in the road segment S2. Marking m15 is the marking evolution of p, and m16 showing the green phase of the traffic light for m2.

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Algorithm 1: Update clocks
1 Input:(N,m.,Type,λ), m, clocks, S
2 Output: clocks
3 forall the t∈T do
4   if t is not enabled then
5     clocks := ∞
6   else if (t is enable and (t∈S or t is newly enabled)) then
7     Switch the value of Type (t) do
8     case Type (t) = dd
9       θ = 1/λt
10      case Type (t) = id (exponential)
11        get θ ∈ ℝ>0 from an exponential pdf with parameter λt, enab(t, m)
12      case type (t) = id (poisson)
13        get θ ∈ ℝ>0 from an poisson pdf with parameter λt, enab(t, m)
14      case Type (t) = pd
15        get θ ∈ ℝ>0 from an exponential pdf with parameter λt; Πpi [m(pi)/Pre(pi, t)]
16      clocks := τ + θ
    
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Fig. 5: Enhancement of Algorithm 1 (Julvez *et al.*, 2012)

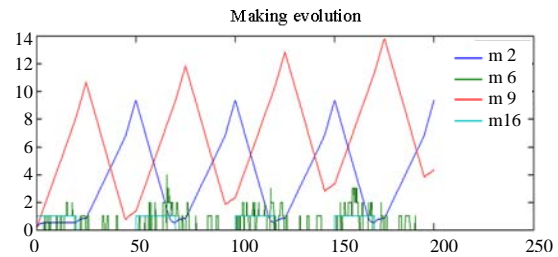


Fig. 6: Queue dynamics

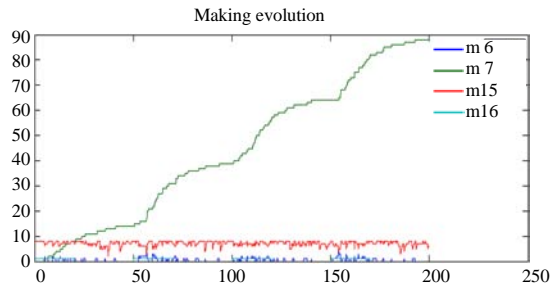


Fig. 7: Resource sharing in m15

CONCLUSION

Experiments and analysis using Kolmogorov-Smirnov hypothesis test shows that Red-Light violation (RLR) has the normal and exponential pdf. A poisson pdf hypothesis for RLR is rejected with the logical explanation that the zero incidence is occurred in RLR. It means that the people tends not to violate a red light aspect. On the other hand, Yellow-Light Running (YLR) analyses indicate that a normal, exponential and poisson pdf is eligible. However in the traffic count survey indicate that there is no zero incidence so that poisson pdf is more appropriate. For the same reason the green-light running has a poisson pdf as a YLR.

A new structure of hybrid petri net model for signalized intersection with capability to represent a red-light violation, yellow-light and green light running is developed running under simHPN. An enhancement of

procedure for update clocks in Algorithm 1 of simHPN has been made, to accommodate the time delay transition with a poisson probability density characteristics for type of infinite server semantics.

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