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# **The activity path approach to activity pattern modeling**

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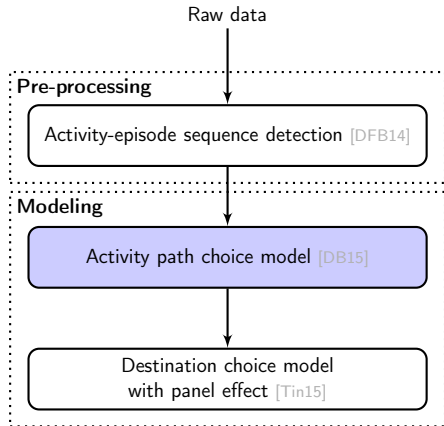
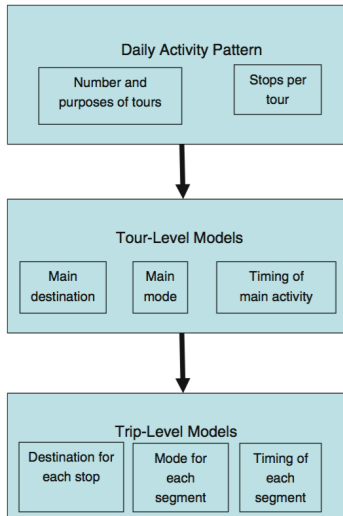
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# Motivation

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- **Activity-based approach:** modeling the activity participation patterns
- **Not tour-based** (no “home” location in pedestrian facilities)
- **No hierarchy** of dimensions or aggregation (high temporal precision)

# Activity-schedule approach vs Activity path approach



# Goal

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- Simultaneously model the choice of:
  - activity types,
  - order,
  - start times and
  - durationsof activity episodes in a sequence.
  
- No mode choice.

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# Modeling assumption

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- Sequential choice:
  1. activity type, sequence, time of day and duration
  2. destination choice conditional on 1.
- Motivations:
  - Behavior: precedence of activity choice over destination choice
  - Dimensional: destinations  $\times$  time  $\times$  position in the sequence is not tractable

Today, we focus on 1. [DB15].

Example of 2. on the same data: [Tin15].



# Observations: activity patterns in a transport hub

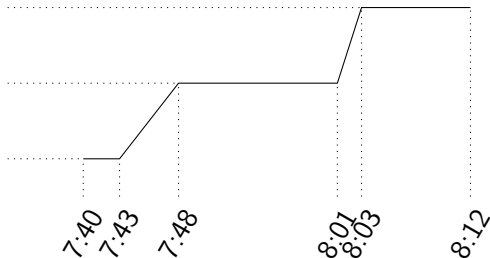
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## Activity types

Waiting for the train  
(on platform 9)

Having a tea  
(in Starbucks)

Buying a ticket  
(at the machine)

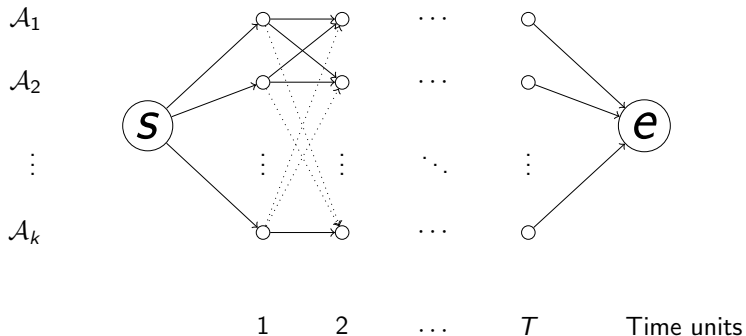


# Activity network

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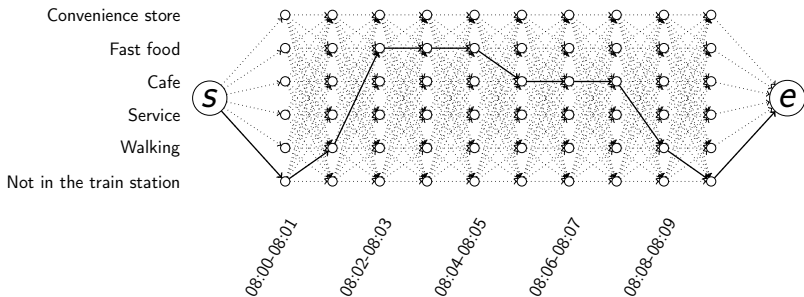
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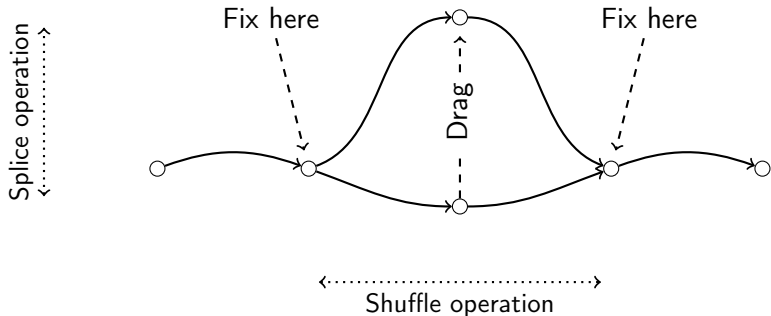
# Sampling strategies

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- Simple random sampling (SRS)
- Importance sampling  
using Metropolis-Hastings algorithm [FB13]
  - Observation score [Che13, DB15]
  - Strategic sampling [LK12]

# Metropolis-Hastings algorithm

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[FB13]

# Metropolis-Hastings sampling of paths

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- Sample paths from given distribution, without full enumeration
- To be defined:
  - Target weight:

$$b(i) = \exp(-\mu\delta(\Gamma)) \quad (1)$$

Also with non-node-additive utility

- Proposal distribution:

$$P_{\text{insert}} = \frac{e^{-\tilde{\mu}\delta_{SP}(\text{origin},v)+\delta_{SP}(v,\text{destination})}}{\sum_w e^{-\tilde{\mu}\delta_{SP}(\text{origin},w)+\delta_{SP}(w,\text{destination})}} \quad (2)$$

Relies on shortest paths, node-additive cost.

# Strategic sampling

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- Target weight:  
previously estimated model
- Proposal distribution:  
previously estimated model using only time-of-day preferences  
(node-additive)



# Utility structure

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- Utility of activity pattern:
  - Node utility  $V(\mathcal{A}_{k,t})$ 
    - ▶ time-of-day preferences
  - Activity-episode utility  $V(a)$ 
    - ▶ satiation effects: decreasing marginal utility,  $\eta \ln(\text{duration})$
    - ▶ scheduling constraints: schedule delay
  - Activity path utility  $V(\Gamma)$ 
    - ▶ primary activity
- Sampling correction

$$\mu \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{\tau=1}^T V(\mathcal{A}_{k,\tau}) + \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}_{1:T}} V(a) + V(\Gamma) \right) + \ln \frac{k_{\Gamma n}}{b(\Gamma)}$$

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- 13'000 people per day
- 8 activity types:
  - classrooms,
  - shops,
  - offices,
  - restaurant,
  - library,
  - lab,
  - other and
  - not being detected
- 12 time units in the activity network, from 7am to 7pm
- WiFi traces [DFB14]

# Proposal distribution (using simple random sampling)

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Description	Coeff. estimate	Robust Asympt. std. error	t-stat
$\beta_{\text{NA, 17-19, employees}}$	0.263	0.0302	8.70
$\beta_{\text{NA, 14-17, students}}$	-0.222	0.191	-1.16
$\beta_{\text{NA, 7-8, students}}$	0.349	0.0281	12.44
$\beta_{\text{NA, 7-9, employees}}$	0.326	0.0262	12.43
$\beta_{\text{NA, 17-19, students}}$	1.14	0.187	6.09
$\beta_{\text{classroom, 12-14, students}}$	-0.336	0.337	-1.00
$\beta_{\text{classroom, 7-12, employees}}$	-0.723	0.397	-1.82
$\beta_{\text{classroom, 7-12, students}}$	0.598	0.262	2.28
$\beta_{\text{library, 14-19, employees}}$	-0.624	0.553	-1.13
$\beta_{\text{library, 12-14, employees}}$	-0.575	0.481	-1.20
$\beta_{\text{library, 7-12, employees}}$	-1.57	0.508	-3.09
$\beta_{\text{office, 14-19, employees}}$	1.41	0.246	5.73
$\beta_{\text{office, 7-12, employees}}$	1.12	0.228	4.92
$\beta_{\text{restaurant, 14-19, students}}$	-0.410	0.185	-2.21
$\beta_{\text{restaurant, 12-14, employees}}$	0.136	0.0259	5.26
$\beta_{\text{restaurant, 12-14, students}}$	0.665	0.286	2.32

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Number of observations = 1087

Number of estimated parameters = 43

$\mathcal{L}(\beta_0) = -5016.636$

$\mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}) = -453.225$

$\rho^2 = 0.910$

$\bar{\rho}^2 = 0.901$

# Target weight (using simple random sampling)

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Description	Coeff. estimate	Robust Asympt. std. error	t-stat
$\beta$ library 7-12, employees	-2.08	0.422	-4.93
$\beta$ office 7-12, 14-19, employees	1.69	0.393	4.30
$\beta$ restaurant 12-14, employees	1.22	0.502	2.43
$\beta$ shop 12-14, students	-7.36	1.24	-5.92
$\beta$ shop 7-12, 14-19, students	-1.16	0.538	-2.16
$\beta$ NA 7-8, students	4.27	0.995	4.29
$\beta$ NA 8-12, students	1.40	0.498	2.82
$\beta$ NA 17-19, students	1.75	0.568	3.08
$\beta$ NA 9-17, employees	1.43	0.296	4.84
$\beta$ NA 7-9, 17-19, employees	3.34	0.554	6.02
$\eta$ Office, Lab, Classroom	5.22	0.764	6.83
$\eta$ Restaurant, Library, Other	7.85	1.11	7.10
$\eta$ Shop	7.33	0.894	8.20
$\eta$ NA	2.75	0.393	7.00
$\beta$ 3+ lab episodes	-5.03	0.952	-5.28
$\beta$ 3+ resto episodes	-2.50	0.759	-3.29
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Number of observations = 1087

Number of estimated parameters = 22

$$\mathcal{L}(\beta_0) = -5016.636$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}) = -47.218$$

$$\rho^2 = 0.991$$

$$\bar{\rho}^2 = 0.986$$

# Model using strategic sampling

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Description	Coeff. estimate	Robust Asympt. std. error	t-stat
$\beta$ Library 12-14, students	-1.45	0.235	-6.15
$\beta$ Restaurant 12-14, students	0.769	0.106	7.26
$\beta$ Shop 14-19, students	1.14	0.160	7.16
$\beta$ NA 7-8, students	2.15	0.223	9.63
$\beta$ NA 8-12, students	1.39	0.0792	17.52
$\beta$ NA 17-19, students	1.80	0.108	16.69
$\beta$ NA 7-9, 17-19, employees	1.59	0.0793	20.07
$\eta$ Office, Lab, Classroom, Library, Other, NA	-2.07	0.110	-18.81
$\eta$ Restaurant	-3.41	0.284	-11.98
$\eta$ Shop, Library	-1.35	0.120	-11.23
$\beta_1$ Restaurant episode	1.83	0.148	12.35
$\beta_2+$ Classroom episodes, employees	-0.736	0.0669	-11.00
$\beta_2+$ Shop episodes	-2.79	0.417	-6.69
$\beta_0$ Library episode, employees	2.60	0.252	10.32
$\beta$ primary activity Library, students	0.128	0.0474	2.71
$\beta$ schedule delay, students	-0.509	0.184	-2.77

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Number of observations = 1087

Number of estimated parameters = 31

$$\mathcal{L}(\beta_0) = -5016.636$$

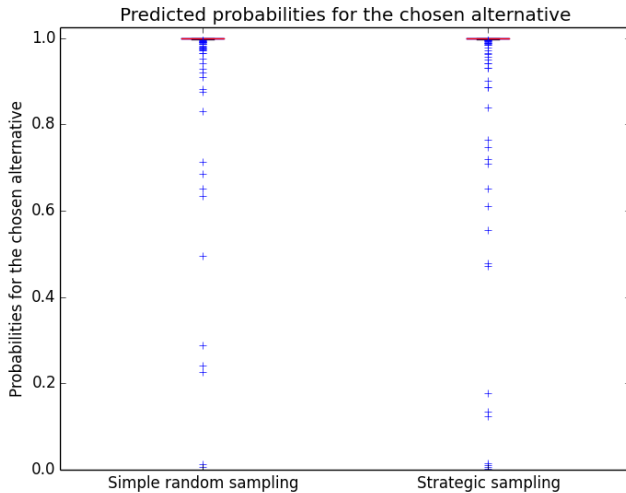
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$$\rho^2 = 0.719$$

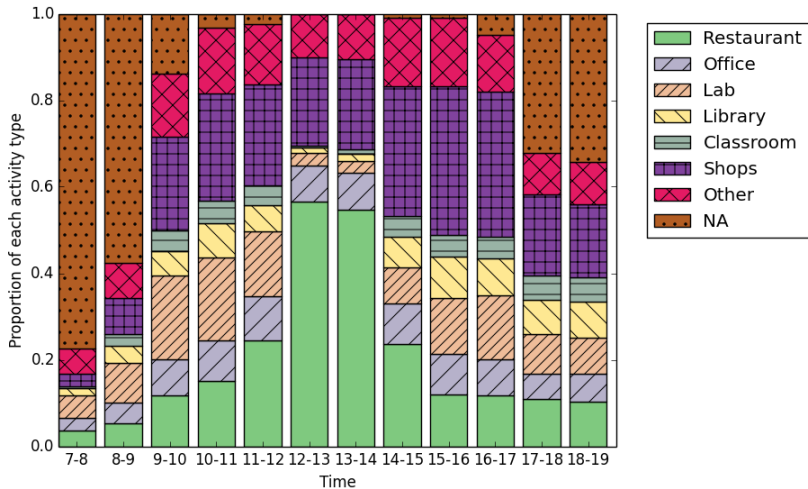
$$\bar{\rho}^2 = 0.712$$

# Validation

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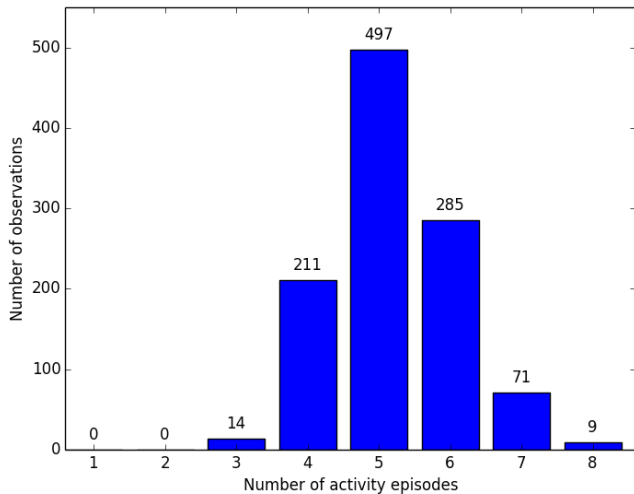
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# Conclusion

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- Simultaneous choice of
  - activity type,
  - time of day,
  - duration,
  - order.
- Not home-based, nor tour-based.
- Importance sampling: allows to include more parameters.
- Important feature: allows to add variables related to the path.
  - patterns (e.g., a office-restaurant-office pattern for lunch) or
  - primary activity.

Thank you

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