

Expression of Relation of Medical Institutions and the Simulation of the Relation Recovery for Disaster

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Abstract—The present medical institution cooperate each other, such as specialty skills or regional peculiarity. However, when disasters, such as an earthquake, an institution may not have function as a medical institution and the balance of the medical service at the time will usually unstable. Restoring medical service, each medical institution also becomes to be stable. In this research, we express relation of the medical institutions as a medical network. Moreover, we get the simulation of the degree of relation of a medical institution. By expressing a medical network, it becomes clear where it needs medical services. And it becomes possible where we should focus to advance restoration by medical network simulation.

Keywords—queue; simulation

I. INTRODUCTION

Currently, medical institutions collaborate with various specialties and areas to provide a range of medical services. However, some medical facilities have lost the ability to function properly following a disaster such as an earthquake; thus, the balance of normal medical services has collapsed. As recovery progresses, each medical institution restore its ability to provide services and return to normalcy. This research aims to describe the connection among medical institutions in normal conditions as a functional medical network and simulate the degree of their connections when restoring medical services following a disaster. This simulation makes possible the clarification of them edictal services that are insufficient in the medical network and the degree of connection during a disaster to facilitate the prioritization of restoration efforts.

II. MODELING BY A CLOSED QUEUING NETWORK

In this study, we modeled a closed queuing network using hospital capacities and geographic locations, and we used the system to determine the frequency of hospital use by customers. With this model, the closed queuing network [1] [2] focused solely on the movement within the system to determine the overall hospital system equilibrium within a local area. The study considered:

- i. The type of customer using the network services in the network,
- ii. K sites within the network, and
- iii. that the system would have a finite number of total customers (N), to satisfy the equation given below, as the

number of customers at site k :

$$N = \sum_{k=1}^K n_k$$

Where n_k is the number of customers at site k .

iv. At site k , the service time followed an exponential distribution of service rate μ_k .

v. The rate of completed arrivals of customers from the inner network at site k is α_k .

vi. Customers who received service at site i move to site j with the probability as follows:

$$P_{ij} \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq K, P_{ij} \geq 0, \sum_{j=1}^K P_{ij} = 1)$$

We defined the service rate at each site as users' utilization

frequency. In addition, α_k must satisfy the equation as follows:

$$x_i = 1, x_k = \sum_{j=1}^k x_j P_{jk}, (k=2,3,\dots,K)$$

$$\text{Moreover, } \rho_k = \alpha_k / \mu_k, (k=1,2,\dots,K)$$

Therefore, the stationary distribution in which there are n_1 people in facility 1, ..., n_k people in facility k is as follows:

$$\pi(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) = 1/G(N, K) \prod_{k=1}^K \rho_k^{n_k}$$

$$\text{Where } G(N, K) = \sum_{n_1 + \dots + n_k = N} \prod_{k=1}^K \rho_k^{n_k}$$

We calculated transition probability P_{ij} according to the gravity model as follows:

f_{ij} : The amount of movement from region i to region j

P_i : The total amount of movement from region i as the departure place

q_j : The total amount of movement from region j as the arrival place

d_{ij} : The distance between regions i and j

C: The gravity model normalization constant: 0.145722117443322

$$f_{ij} = C \frac{p_i^a q_j^b}{d_{ij}^c}, \quad i \in K, j \in K$$

In this study, we performed calculations with $a = b = 1$ and $c = 0.5$.

III. SYSTEM FLOW

The proposed system flow for this study is shown in Figure 1. First, we selected sites for inclusion in this system. Then, based on population information and the distance between sites, we determined the transition probability using the gravity model. Subsequently, we calculated the average wait number, which is considered to be the time required for the hospital, at each site in the queuing network.

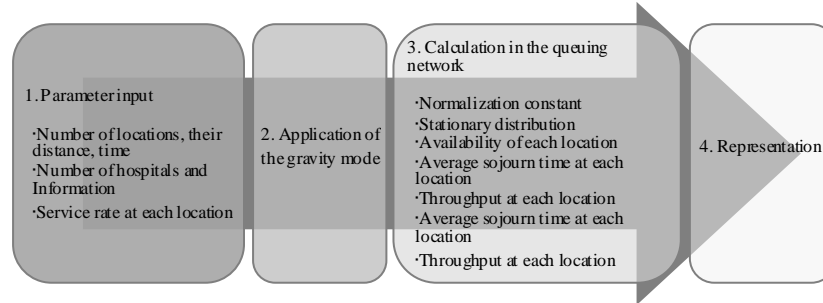


FIGURE 1. SYSTEM FLOW.

IV. EXAMPLE OF NUMERICAL CALCULATIONS

The numerical calculations for this study were performed as follows:

- Four disaster base hospitals and eight emergency response hospitals in Hamamatsu City were used, as shown in Table 1.
- The population distribution used in the gravity model define swards as units, as shown in Table2
- When multiple sites within the same ward were used, we divided the population by the number of used sites within

the ward to determine the population at the sites.

- The service rate of each site was scored at a maximum of 10.0 for both disaster and emergency hospitals. The service rate was considered to be an indicator of hospital cooperation in this model. When the cooperation indicator is high in a disaster base hospital, for instance, its service rate is set as low.
- The frequency of hospital use was assumed to total 100 within the entire network to indicate that there were 100 customers within the network.

TABLE I. FOUR DISASTER BASE HOSPITALS AND EIGHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE HOSPITALS.

id	name	address	Latitude longitude	Service rate
308	Seirei-Mikatahara Hospital	328 Mikatahara-cho, Kita-ku, Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture	34.7918791 137.6927563	10
309	Hamamtsu University Hospital	1-20-1 Handayama, Higashi-ku, Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture	34.7706730 137.7432854	10
310	Hamamatsu Medical Center	328 Tomitsuka-cho, Naka-ku, Hamamatsu-City, Shizuoka Prefecture	34.7161447 137.7014358	10
311	Japanese Red Cross Hamamatsu Hospital	1088-1 Kobayashi, Kita-ku, Hamamatsu-City, Shizuoka Prefecture	34.8062210 137.7892746	10
312	Seirei Hamamatsu General Hospital	2-12-12, Sumiyoshi, Naka-ku, Hamaatsu-City, Shizuoka Prefecture	34.7298132 137.7256608	10
313	JA Shizuoka Kohseiren Enshu Hospital	1-1-1, Chuou, Naka-ku, Hamamatsu-City, Shizuoka Prefecture	34.7125678 137.7347363	10
314	Hamamatsu-Kita-Hospital	1568 Ose-cho, Higashi-ku, Hamamatsu-City, Shizuoka Prefecture	34.7636607 137.7713422	10
315	Hamamatsu Rosai (Laborers') Hospital	25 Shougen-cho, Hgashi-ku, Hamamatsu-City, Shizuoka Prefecture	34.7167150 137.7557101	10
316	Suzukake Central Hospital	120-1, Tajiri-cho, Mimami-ku, Hamamatsu-City, Shizuoka Prefecture	34.6807885 137.7259073	10
317	Juzen Memorial Hospital	1700 Hitakuchi, Kita-ku, Hamamatsu-City, Shizuoka Prefecture	34.8035260 137.7722651	10
318	Tenryu Hospital	4201-2, Oro, Kita-ku, Hamamatsu-City, Shizuoka Prefecture	34.8543648 137.7987834	10
319	Sakuma Hospital	18-5, Nakabe, Sakuma-cho, Tenryu-ku, Hamamatsu-City, Shizuoka Prefecture	35.0818964 137.8002208	10

TABLE II. POPULATION IN HAMAMATSU CITY FOR EACH WARD

Ward	Population
Naka-ku, Hamamatsu City	232,479 persons
Kita-ku, Hamamatsu City	93,799 persons
Minami-ku, Hamamatsu City	98,428 persons
Tenryu-ku, Hamamatsu City	33,490 persons
Higashi-ku, Hamamatsu City	125,745 persons
Kita-ku, Hamamatsu City	92,691 persons
Nishi-ku, Hamamatsu City	107,677 persons

A. A Case where Four Disaster Base Hospitals and Eight Emergency Response Hospitals are Used

We considered a case in which four disaster base hospitals and eight emergency response hospitals were used in normal non-disaster conditions. Where there are several hospitals within the same ward, the allocated population is equal to the ward population divided by the number of hospitals within the ward. Table 3 shows a transition probability matrix obtained

from the gravity model using the population assigned and the transport distance or the travel time between hospitals. The transport distance and the travel time between hospitals were automatically determined using Google Map API. The order of elements in the matrix corresponds to their IDs shown in Table 1. In addition, we calculated the transition probability matrix shown in Table 3 on the basis of the transport distance.

TABLE III. TRANSITION PROBABILITY MATRIX OBTAINED FROM THE GRAVITY MODEL.

308	308	309	314	315	310	312	313	311	317	318	316	319
308	0	0.2083	0.0878	0.0571	0.0908	0.207	0.1118	0.0465	0.0752	0.0284	0.0843	0.0027
309	0.1676	0	0.3508	0.0484	0.0606	0.1294	0.0934	0.0277	0.0526	0.0126	0.0561	0.0009
314	0.0746	0.3704	0	0.0785	0.0529	0.1117	0.1	0.0648	0.101	0.0185	0.0267	0.0009
315	0.0247	0.026	0.0399	0	0.0939	0.2361	0.461	0.0091	0.0103	0.0028	0.0959	0.0004
310	0.03	0.0249	0.0206	0.0718	0	0.3248	0.3828	0.006	0.0082	0.0038	0.1269	0.0004
312	0.048	0.0372	0.0305	0.1268	0.2279	0	0.4117	0.0059	0.0098	0.0037	0.0982	0.0003
313	0.0211	0.0219	0.0222	0.2016	0.2186	0.3351	0	0.0043	0.0062	0.0026	0.1661	0.0003
311	0.0672	0.0497	0.1101	0.0304	0.0263	0.0368	0.0332	0	0.5482	0.0754	0.021	0.0016
317	0.0909	0.079	0.1437	0.0288	0.0302	0.0509	0.0398	0.4589	0	0.0457	0.0308	0.0012
318	0.1332	0.0732	0.1021	0.0309	0.0538	0.0755	0.0645	0.2445	0.1769	0	0.039	0.0065
316	0.0393	0.0325	0.0146	0.1036	0.179	0.1975	0.4103	0.0068	0.0119	0.0039	0	0.0007
319	0.1874	0.0763	0.0721	0.0593	0.0749	0.0768	0.0995	0.0752	0.0717	0.0969	0.11	0

Table 4 represents the degree of relationship among the hospitals when all 12 sites are used. We calculated the result using the distance between the population distribution and the hospital. Although there were many factors that could be considered, including the number of doctors and nurses and their skill levels at these hospitals, we considered that the distance and population distribution were the greater factors when anticipating a disaster. In this case, the value of Enshu Hospital is very high, indicating that this hospital is located in a geographically and demographically key location.

B. A Case in which only Four Disaster Base Hospitals Sites are in Operation

Next, we considered a case in which emergency response hospitals are not available and only disaster base hospitals are operating.

In this case, the value of the Hamamatsu University Hospital located in the centre of the map is greater than the others, as shown in table 4. The degree of relationship among the disaster hospitals in this case is also greater than that in the 12sites case.

C. Degree of Relationship among Hospitals when Emergency Response Hospitals become Available

We next considered the degree of relationship among hospitals when emergency response hospitals become sequentially available. For this case, we performed the calculations with the assumption that hospitals with lower values shown in Table 4 would become available earlier than those with higher values. The case in which 12 sites were used is assumed to be the normal situation. It shows hospitals serving as relationship centres when sites are added one-by-one, assuming that the number of sites is four for a condition under which only disaster base hospitals are available during

an earthquake. In this case, we found that central sites interchange through the influence of the locations of hospitals and populations as hospitals are progressively added.

Table 4 show the changes in the degrees of relationship due to the recovery of sites. This result indicates that the

degree of relationship is also changed by the added hospitals when medical institutions are in the process of recovery. We consider these data to be essential information for establishing a chain of command following a disaster.

TABLE IV. CHANGE IN THE DEGREES OF RELATIONSHIP DUE TO THE RECOVERY OF SITES.

Name of base	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Seirei-Mikatahara Hospital	0.232	1.802	1.806	1.952	1.744	0.927	0.758	0.481	0.296
Hamamtsu University Hospital	0.306	95.349	95.329	94.980	94.531	77.086	6.372	0.724	0.377
Hamamatsu Medical Center	1.332	2.235	2.240	2.446	2.089	1.414	85.790	94.989	3.529
Japanese Red Cross Hamamatsu Hospital	0.150	0.614	0.617	0.385	0.628	0.632	0.477	0.344	0.179
Seirei Hamamatsu General Hospital	4.375	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	93.862
JA Shizuoka Kohseiren Enshu Hospital	91.632	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hamamatsu-Kitah-Hospital	0.285	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	18.924	3.975	0.655	0.341
Hamamatsu Rosai Hospital	0.777	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.748	0.560
Suzukake Central Hospital	0.680	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.862	1.537	0.581
Juzen Memorial Hospital	0.185	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.862	0.878	0.649	0.432	0.223
Tenryu Hospital	0.042	0.000	0.000	0.228	0.139	0.132	0.110	0.084	0.049
Sakuma Hospital	0.003	0.000	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.007	0.007	0.005	0.003

D. The Model that Added Hospital Information

We consider the model that added hospital information. In this case, the information added is the number of beds and the number of medical departments of the hospital. We define following variables.

T_i : The number of beds of the hospital i .

S_i : The number of medical departments of the hospital i .

Thus, we modify the gravity model equation.

$$f_{ij} = C \frac{(p_i + T_i \times S_i \times w)^a \times (q_j + T_j \times S_j \times w)^b}{d_{ij}^c}$$

$$i \in K, j \in K$$

Where means that the weight variable of hospital information. We assume that number of medical examinees $T_i \times S_i \times w$. We use this modified model that included hospital information, we can get more precise information.

V. CONCLUSION

In this study, we expressed the balance among hospitals as a stream of customers using a closed queuing network, and based on their own assessments and geographical locations, we expressed the degrees of relationship among hospitals. However, hospital values must be evaluated from various perspectives such as the number of doctors and nurses, number of beds, and quality of their medical services. In a future study,

we will achieve higher quality simulation by establishing additional elements for evaluation from multiple perspectives.

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