

Bibliography/Model

(due Thursday, Jan. 29 2009, 9:30 am)

Already in 1.5 weeks will be due the first larger assignment for your project. The following keywords are clarifying the assignment and are a guidance for you how to proceed.

Goals:

(A) Goal (Now): As listed below your assignment will be to have by Jan.29 a useful list of references and a detailed model description. The references will be the references of your scientific paper(s) of the course. Use as guidance for your search of references: Main Goal is that you will know the **model** of your project precisely. For the example of the traffic flow it would mean that you know exactly all rules of how cars are put on the street and how they are moved further on the street. Goal is that you will be ready to write the program for your model.

Usually it is a longer process to find the paper(s) which describe a simple enough model (for a one semester long instead of year long project) and to find paper(s) which are written clearly enough (the majority of papers are written for experts and are not always very pedagogical). You will have to jump from paper to paper, i.e. start with a list of papers you found via web of knowledge, scan the papers, check references therein and go from those references to the next set of papers, etc. This takes many days and sometimes weeks of work and that's why we dive into the bibliography already now.

(B) Goals (Later): As part of your first paper you will also describe the **background** for the model you will use for your project. In case of the traffic flow model this would mean that you find out (by finding and reading the appropriate references) which other traffic models have been studied (e.g. two lane, city grid, ...) and what the main results are (including some theoretical results). You will find this information in scientific papers in a paragraph usually called "introduction" or "background" or "theory".

How to Read Papers:

To scan efficiently through the papers and to read more carefully through the papers, indicate on a copy of each paper: motivation, previous models, model/simulation, results. These keywords will help you to identify most important papers and to summarize all your findings for your papers.

How to Give Reference:

Journal Article: Author(s), Name of Journal, Volume, Pages, Year.

Book: Author(s), Title, Publisher, Place, Year.

Hand-In:

- references of at least five scientific papers which specify model & background of your project
- at least one book
- any further references, which might be useful
- hard-copy of paper(s) which describes best the model you will use (In case of a book being your major source, just make a copy of the appropriate page(s). In case you will develop your own model, then make copies of the appropriate references which identify the main parameters and known facts you will use.)
- Describe model with as complete set of rules as possible (one or more pages.)